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**TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES)
Training Providers Informational Webinar
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TTES Program Purpose and Guidelines

A TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES) Award may be used to fund any **technical** or **applied course** leading to a/an:

- Industry-Based Certification
- Certification of Applied Science – a LCTCS credential
- Certificate of Technical Sciences – a LCTCS credential

Providers approved through this specific process will be eligible to deliver **technical** or **applied courses** and have these courses funded under the parameters of the TTES Training Providers Program.

The course work must be aligned to a certification or certificate approved by the **Workforce Investment Council (WIC)** by meeting the following requirements:

- a) Is identified by the **Occupation Forecasting Conference** as a credential for an occupation in **top demand in Louisiana**
- b) Is recognized by the **State Industry-Based Certification Leadership Council**

TTES Expanded Goals

- Secure training providers that offer students the opportunity to gain industry certification in a high-demand job sector.
- Offer students (and schools) greater choice in training providers.

TTES Overview

- TTES training providers may be a Louisiana public or nonpublic postsecondary education institution, or a Louisiana private training provider.
- BESE approval is required for all TTES program providers. Legislation (Act 737) also requires training providers to be “recognized by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)”
- BESE will consider approval of 2018-2019 TTES training providers during its January 24, 2018 meeting

TTES Provider Compensation

The administering agency, on behalf of a TTES recipient, shall pay one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the approved training provider for **each three credit-hour** or equivalent time course taken by the student.

- This is equivalent to **fifty dollars (\$50.00) per credit hour**

Courses taken by the student are not to exceed two such courses per high school semester for an eleventh–grade student and two such courses per high school semester for a twelfth-grade student.

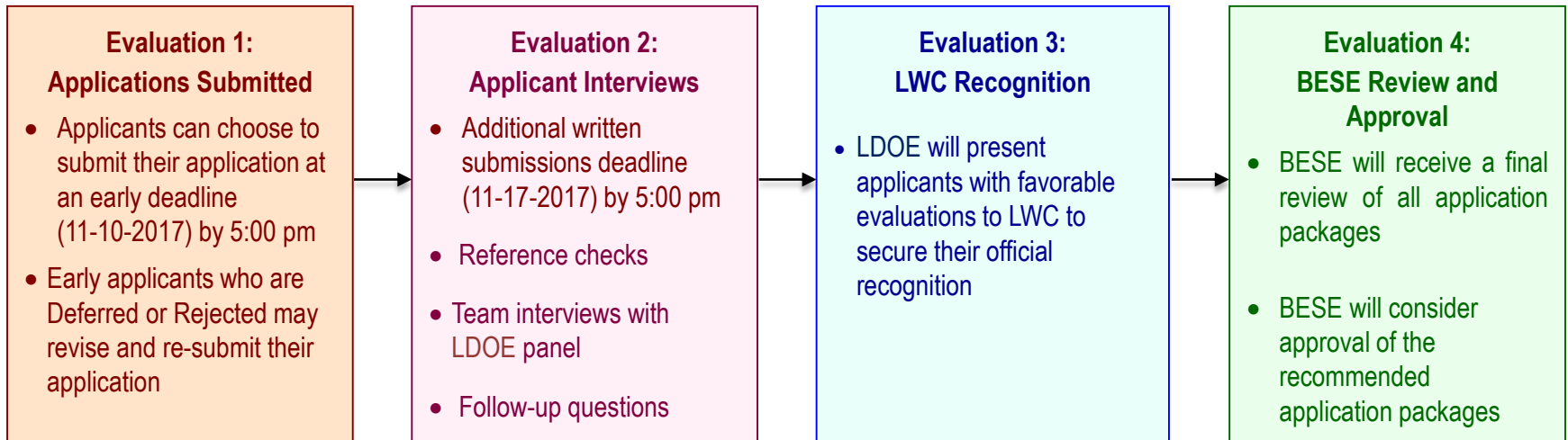
- **Maximum amount of payment** per student per academic year is six hundred dollars (**\$600**)

TTES Award Eligibility

To be eligible for an initial TTES Award, students must meet **each** of the following conditions:

- Be in the 11th or 12th grade in a Louisiana public school
- Have prepared a five-year education and career plan (IGP); including courses with a career focus
- Have a cumulative GPA not less than 2.0 when calculated on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted
- Score a 15 or above on the mathematics AND English portion of the Pre- ACT, ASPIRE, ACT, or a Silver Level score on the ACT WorkKeys assessment

RFA Evaluation Process Outline



Applicants that meet the requirements and are approved Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice providers will automatically be forwarded to LWC for recognition and BESE for approval

Request for Applications (RFA) Timeline

Applicant Webinars	Wednesday, October 11 th at 3:30 pm Thursday, October 12 th at 3:30 pm
Release of: TTES Request for Applications (RFA)	Friday, October 13 th TTES RFA on LDOE website
Early TTES RFA Application Deadline	Friday, November 10 th by 5:00 pm
Final TTES RFA Application Deadline	Friday, November 17 th by 5:00 pm
Interviews Conducted	Tuesday, December 5 th Wednesday, December 6 th
Applicants submitted to LWC for “Review & Recognition”	Tuesday, December 12 th
BESE Consideration of Training Providers	Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Contact Information

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