

**TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES)
Training Providers
Informational Webinar**

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- We will begin shortly. Thank you!

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 them funded under the parameters of the TTES Training Providers Program.

TTES Program Purpose and Guidelines

- 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 will approve TTES program providers. Legislation (Act 737) also requires training providers to be “recognized by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)”
- BESE will approve the 2016-2017 TTES training providers during its January 24, 2017 meeting

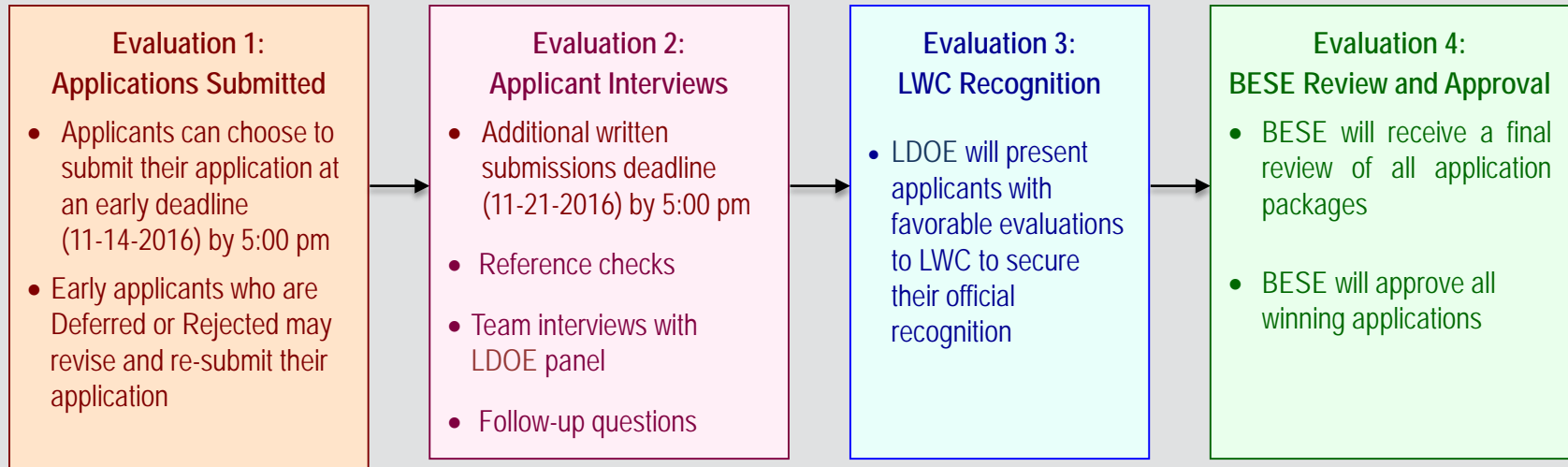
TTES Overview

- 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 Overview

- 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; 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 at least fifteen (15) on both the English and Math subsections of the ACT PLAN 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 26 th at 1:30 pm Thursday, October 27 th at 3:30 pm
Release of: TTES Request for Application (RFA)	Thursday, October 27 th TTES RFA on LDOE website
Early TTES RFA Deadline	Monday, November 14 th by 5:00 pm
Final TTES RFA Application Deadline	Monday, November 21 th by 5:00 pm
Interviews Conducted	Thursday, December 1st Friday, December 2 nd
Applicants submitted to LWC for “Review & Recognition”	Wednesday, December 7 th
BESE Approval of Training Providers	Tuesday, January 24, 2017

TTES Q&A

Q&A Period

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