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

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  - We will begin shortly. Thank you!

Program Purpose and Guidelines

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

  - ➢ Industry-Based Certification
  - ➢ Certification of Applied Science
  - ➢ Certificate of Technical Sciences

- Providers approved through this specific process will be eligible to deliver technical or applied courses and have them funded under the parameters of the TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES) Training Providers Program.

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

Overview

- Private providers can now be TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES) training providers

  - ➢ Only five (5) private training providers can be approved for the Spring semester of the 2014 – 2015 school year

  - ➢ Additional training providers may be approved for future school years

- BESE will approve TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES) program providers. Legislation requires training providers to be "WIC-recognized."

- BESE will consider / approve the initial TOPS-Tech Early Start (TTES) training providers during its December meetings (Dec 2nd and 3rd, 2014)
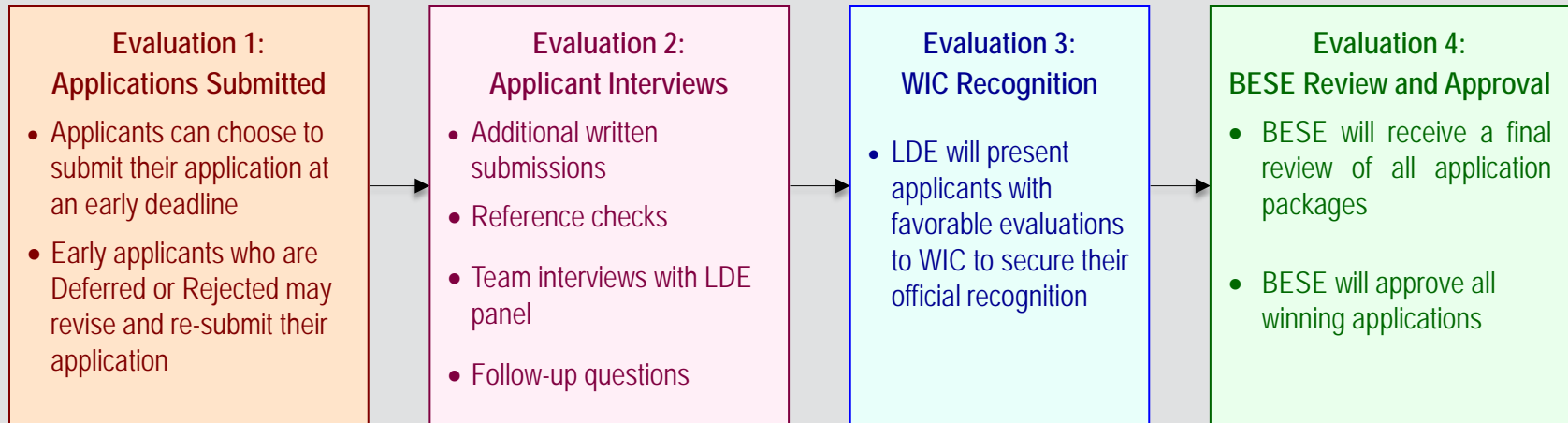
Overview

- 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

Overview

- To be eligible for an initial TOPS-Tech Early Start (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

Evaluation 1:
Applications Submitted

- Applicants can choose to submit their application at an early deadline
- Early applicants who are Deferred or Rejected may revise and re-submit their application

Evaluation 2:
Applicant Interviews

- Additional written submissions
- Reference checks
- Team interviews with LDE panel
- Follow-up questions

Evaluation 3:
WIC Recognition

- LDE will present applicants with favorable evaluations to WIC to secure their official recognition

Evaluation 4:
BESE Review and Approval

- BESE will receive a final review of all application packages
- BESE will approve all winning applications

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

Request for Applications (RFA) Timeline

Application Portal Open	October 16th
https://ttes.fluidreview.com/	
Applicant Webinars	October 17th and 21st , 3:30pm
https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/topstechprivateproviders/ Audio access: **(800) 832-0736** / room number: **6246632**	
Draft Applications Deadline	November 7th
Final Applications Deadline	November 14th
Interviews Complete WIC Recognition Process Complete	November 21st November 24th
BESE Approval of Training Providers	December 2nd and 3rd

TTES Q&A

Q&A Period

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