

**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
  - 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 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

- Private providers can now be TTES training providers
- 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 13, 2016 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

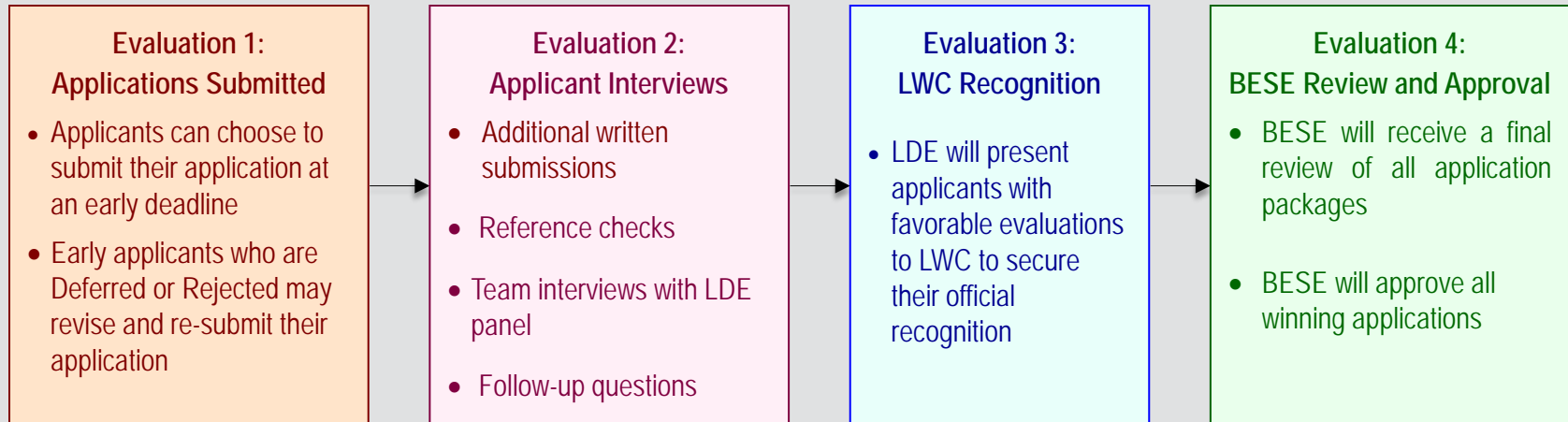


# TTES Overview

- To be eligible for an initial TTES Award, students must meet each of the following conditions:
  - Be in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> 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	Tuesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm
Release of TTES Request for Application (RFA) and LWC Eligible Training Provider Application	Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> on Louisiana Believes website
Draft TTES RFA Deadline	Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>
Final TTES RFA and LWC Eligible Training Provider Application Deadline	Friday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>
Interviews Conducted	Tuesday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Applicants submitted to LWC for “Review & Recognition”	Thursday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
BESE Approval of Training Providers	Wednesday, January 13, 2016

# TTES Q&A

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For additional information, please email: [JumpStart@la.gov](mailto:JumpStart@la.gov)