

2004 Commitment to Student Success Awards

I. Category I: Experienced most dramatic decrease

Qualifying institutions must meet the following criteria:

- The institution's cohort default rate for 2002 must be below the sector average for 2002 and below the institution's cohort default rate for the established base year of 2000.
- In addition to the above mentioned criteria, the institution's cohort default rate for either 2000 or 2001 must be below the sector average for that year.
- Qualifying institutions must have at least thirty (30) repayers in each cohort default year beginning with base year 2000.

Note1: The four-year public institutional sector was divided into three categories:

- 1) Doctoral/Research Universities-extensive
- 2) Doctoral/Research Universities-intensive
- 3) Other (includes Masters & Baccalaureate colleges & universities)

These categories are based on the *Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*. (See part III). To ensure a fair comparison between similar institutions, the average for each category was used as the sector average.

Note2: The average cohort default rate for each sector was calculated by taking the total number of repayers in each sector for a given year and dividing that number by the total number of defaulters in each sector for the same year.

Sectors

- 1) Doctoral/Research Universities-extensive
- 2) Doctoral/Research Universities-intensive
- 3) Other (includes Masters & Baccalaureate colleges & universities)
- 4) Independent institutions (Private institutions)
- 5) 2-year colleges
- 6) Career Schools (Proprietary schools)
- 7) Professional/graduate schools

The top two institutions in each sector will be recognized.

II. **Category II: Maintained low-cohort default rate**

Qualifying institutions must meet the following criteria:

- Institution(s) must have maintained a cohort default rate between zero (0) and three (3) percent in years 2000, 2001 **and** 2002.
- Qualifying institutions must have at least thirty (30) repayers in each cohort default year.
- Institutions eligible for this award are not eligible for category I awards.
- An award will be presented to all qualifying institutions regardless of sector.

III. **Awards presented to qualifying institutions in each category**

- Award plaque at TASFAA
- Announcement in TASFAA newsletter
- Ad in Texas Monthly
- Send congratulatory note to institution's president
- Letter to Member of Congress
- Letter to State Representative

IV. **Data Source**

TG's Research and Analytical Services Team (RAS) provided the data to the Council's 12 Plus Committee. RAS used the Department of Education's cohort default rates to calculate the following data: 1) average cohort default rate for each sector 2) percent change for each institution's CDR from the sector average, and 3) institutions with cohort default rates between zero and three percent. Institutions meeting the established criteria were selected as the award recipients.

In an effort to ensure an equitable comparison between institutions, the public school sector was divided into the three following categories.

- 1) Public: Doctoral/Research Universities-extensive
- 2) Public: Doctoral/Research Universities-intensive
- 3) Public: Other (includes Masters & Baccalaureate colleges)

These categories were set according to the 2000 *Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher education is the framework in which institutional diversity in United States higher education is commonly described. Institutions are grouped according to similarities in function, and characteristics of students and faculty.

V. 2004 Award recipients for most dramatic decrease

Public Four-Year Institutions-Extensive	
University of Texas at Austin	Austin
Public Four-Year Institutions-Intensive	
Texas Woman's University	Denton
University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson
Public Four-Year Institutions-Other	
University of Texas Pan American	Edinburg
West Texas A&M University	Canyon
Independent (Private) Institutions	
Paul Quinn College	Dallas
Southwestern University	Georgetown
Public Two-Year Colleges	
Frank Phillips College	Borger
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi
Career Schools (proprietary)	
Arlington Medical Institute	Arlington
Computer Career Center	El Paso
Professional (graduate) schools	
No qualifying institutions identified	N/A

VI. 2004 Award recipients for maintaining a low-cohort default rate

Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas
Covenant School of Nursing and Allied Health	Lubbock
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Lubbock
Baylor College of Medicine	Houston
South Texas College of Law	Houston
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	College Station
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	Fort Worth
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (The)	Dallas
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston
Trinity University	San Antonio
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Galveston
Rice University	Houston
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	San Antonio
Texas A&M University	College Station
Parker College of Chiropractic	Dallas
Baylor University	Waco
University of Houston-Clear Lake	Houston
Texas A & M University - Texarkana	Texarkana