

Resolution 5

TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A resolution concerning TJCSGA State Executive Board and the Legislative Research Committee and Coordination for the support of Higher Education Reauthorization Act at the state level.

WHEREAS, Community College funding is available from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, It is a hardship for students who are financially independent under the age of 24; and

WHEREAS, The cost of books is higher than the cost of tuition in many cases,

RESOLVED by the Texas Junior College Student Government Association in convention assembled, that the Texas Junior College Student Government Association State Executive Board and the Legislative Research Committee consider opportunities to lobby at the state level to:

1. Increase the amount of Pell grants from \$4,050 to \$4,500
2. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act
3. Lowering of the age of independence from 24 to 21 so more students can afford to attend community colleges
4. Expanding the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit to include books and supplies
5. Streamlining the IRS/Financial Aid rules to improve delivery financial aid
6. Providing money for work/study programs and the immediate referral for training at a community college if the student/worker's skills need to be improved for workforce reentry and
7. Increasing funding for teacher training and curriculum development
8. Support Texas Congressional bills that are beneficial to community colleges
9. Develop relationships with boards and commissions relating to community college issues
10. Support of HR442 to expand the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit to include books, supplies, and equipment

Respectfully submitted onteh 26th day of March, 2004

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TJCSGA Resolutions Committee on March 27, 2004*