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We will begin shortly. Thank you.
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 these courses funded under the parameters of the TTES Training Providers Program.

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**
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 training providers may be a Louisiana public or nonpublic postsecondary education institution, or a Louisiana private training provider.

BESE approval is required for all TTES program providers. Legislation (Act 737) also requires training providers to be “recognized by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)”

BESE will consider approval of 2018-2019 TTES training providers during its January 24, 2018 meeting
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)
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 (IGP); 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 a 15 or above on the mathematics AND English portion of the Pre- ACT, ASPIRE, ACT, or a Silver Level score on the ACT WorkKeys 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

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