

2.00 PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES

The TDCJ/WSD offers to qualified offenders the opportunity to participate in college level academic and vocational programs. Costs associated with these programs, known as State Reimbursable Costs, must be paid for by the offender. Each offender who owes a State Reimbursable Cost shall have a student account created that is called the Post Secondary Reimbursement Account (PSER). State Reimbursable Costs are expenses associated with enrolling in college courses provided from TDCJ Budget Strategy C.2.2. Academic/Vocational Skill Appropriation Budget Line.

In order for an offender to enroll in a junior or senior level college program, the offender may make payment at registration by following the payment procedures outlined for Inmate Withdrawal Forms in Section 2.03 of this manual. The offender may also make payment directly to the college/university or by financial aid arrangements through the college/university (TPEG, Hazelwood, G. I. Bill or scholarship), or reimburse the state for expenses incurred after release.

Expenses associated with the master's program must be paid to the university at registration from personal funds or qualify for Hazelwood or G. I. Bill. To qualify for the university scholarship the offender must have at least a 3.5 GPA and meet other requirements set by the university.

State Reimbursable Costs are addressed in the TDCJ Offender Orientation Handbook.