Certificate of Deafness for Tuition Waiver Program

Are there limits to using the CODTW?

Students must:

- Enroll at a state-supported institution of higher education (college, university or certificate program).
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) set by the school.
- Not exceed the number of credit hours required for a degree.
- Meet the institution's residency requirement listed under Texas Education Code §54.052.

DHHS does not determine that an applicant satisfies the institution's residency requirement.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services:

512-438-4880 (voice)
512-410-1387 (videophone)
dhhs.tuitionwaivers@hhs.texas.gov
hhs.texas.gov/deaf-hard-hearing





What is the Certificate of Deafness for Tuition Waiver (CODTW)?

The CODTW is a certificate that students can submit to public colleges, universities and technical schools in Texas to request waiving their tuition at all levels of higher education.

Who is eligible?

Applicants with an unaided average hearing loss of 55 decibels (dB) or greater in the better ear using 500, 1000, 2000, and 4000 Hz. More options are listed on the tuition waiver application.

Applicants must be at least 17 years old or, if younger than 17, provide proof of being a senior in high school or having a high school diploma or equivalent. There is no age limit to apply.

There are no income requirements.

What expenses does the certificate cover?

The CODTW only covers tuition and tuition-based fees. A tuition-based fee is based on the number of credit hours of coursework taken by the student.

The CODTW does not cover room, board, books or supplies.

Scan the QR codes to learn about the tuition waiver.



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