# **Texas Tuition Promise Fund**

This unit-based prepaid plan provides Texas families with an opportunity to prepay future tuition and mandatory fees at Texas public institutions. By shifting the tuition risk to the state's public universities and colleges (under Texas law), the program is able to offer units at current tuition levels.

### 5-Cap Rating

Resident:



Savingforcollege.com's 5-Cap Ratings provides an evaluation and comparison of 529 plans, utilizing a formula that examines dozens of factors grouped into the following categories. (Scale 0 to 5; 5 is highest)

Not Open

Financial benefits	Safety	Features	Reliability
4.0	2.0	4.0	4.0

#### **Contractual Features**

#### Current value of one unit:

Same as current unit price if used for in-state public institution; the lesser of in-state value or contributions-plusearnings if used for private or out-of-state institution.

Tuition Units are the unit of measure used to purchase prepaid tuition. Generally, one unit represents one percent of the cost of tuition and required fees for 30 semester hours at the school that most closely matches

## Are program benefits backed by the full faith and credit of the state?

#### Are program benefits collateralized or guaranteed in any other way?

Under Texas law the public colleges in Texas must accept less than full tuition and fees if the fund's investment return fails to keep pace with tuition and fee increases.

#### **Taxes and other Benefits**

#### State tax deduction or credit for contributions:

Not applicable. Texas does not have a personal income tax.

#### State tax treatment of qualified distributions:

Not applicable. Texas does not have a personal income tax.

#### Does the sponsoring state exclude the value of an account for state financial aid purposes?

#### Does participation in the program provide beneficiaries with any advantages in qualifying for resident tuition status at state institutions?

#### Is there a rewards program or outside scholarship program that works with this program?

Yes, the Upromise Rewards program can be linked to any 529 college savings plan. Upromise Rewards is free to join and offers members cash back for college.

# Data as of: 04/25/24

#### General

#### Program type:

Prepaid unit

#### How to enroll:

Enroll directly with the program.

#### Initial year of operation:

#### State agency(ies):

Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board; program manager is Orion Advisor Solutions, Inc.

#### **Enrollment period:**

September 1 thru February 28 (July 31 for newborns.) First payment is due on the following May 1.

#### **Contributions**

#### Maximum contributions:

The maximum purchase for any Tuition Unit type is equal to the dollar amount of 600 Type I units. Maximum Texas Program Limit. There is a \$370,000 cap for total contributions in all Texas prepaid and college savings plans for one Beneficiary.

#### Minimum contributions:

One unit initially; subsequent purchases must be at least \$15. Extended payment plans are available.

#### Fees & Expenses

#### **Enrollment or application fee:**

\$25

#### Contact

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# **Plan Portfolios**

There is no investment data available for this plan. Please visit http://www.texastuitionpromisefund.com for additional information.

