

# Affordability and Access Report – 2016

## Criteria Used to Admit Students

Frank Phillips College (FPC) has an open admission policy that allows any and all students to apply and enroll in classes. The criteria used to admit students in a public community college in the State of Texas are very minimal. Each student must fill out an application for admission and supply or test in an approved entrance exam before the beginning of the term they are expecting to enroll in. Each student that is under the age of 30 on the first day of each semester and is attending a class or classes must supply proof of a bacterial meningitis vaccination or provide a notarized exemption form stating the reason for not receiving the vaccination. Each student must also supply an official high school transcript with graduation date, a GED, an official college transcript from all previously attended colleges and/or universities. All students that apply to FPC are accepted and are admitted upon enrolling and have a full semester to supply all transcripts.

## Determining Financial Aid Eligibility to Receive State of Texas Funding

The student must have completed either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). The individual requirements of funding to receive a State of Texas award vary dependent upon the award. All students must show financial aid need. Determination of need is the student's Cost of Attendance (COA) minus the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and other awards. A report listing students with their EFC and remaining need is used to award State of Texas aid. The students with the largest need are funded first. Dependent upon the award, the student's EFC and grade point average (GPA) are also used with the remaining need for determination of grant funds.

## Gross Family Income

In-district tuition and required fees for one year at full-time status is \$3,052. Out-of-district tuition and required fees for one year at full-time status is \$3,802. The average gross family income for Hutchinson County is \$53,035; therefore, students paying in-district tuition and fees should expect, if paying out-of-pocket, to contribute 6% of their gross family income to tuition and fees for one year of attendance at FPC as a full-time student. The average gross family income for the State of Texas is \$51,563; therefore, students paying out-of-district tuition and fees should expect, if paying out-of-pocket, to contribute 7% of their gross family income to tuition and fees for one year of attendance at FPC as a full-time student.

## Analysis

The regions of the state in which students reside, the race or ethnicity, the gender, and the level of education achieved by the parents of students have no bearing on the admission of a student because FPC is an open-admission community college.

County average gross family income:

<http://www.txcip.org/tac/census/morecountyinfo.php?MORE=1013>

State average gross family income:

<http://www.deptofnumbers.com/income/texas/>