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OFFICE OF FAMILY STABILITY LETTER # 58

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TO: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

FROM: Jeanne Carroll, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: Ohio Board of Regents- TEAP Program

This letter is to introduce the TANF Educational Awards Program (TEAP), established by Executive Order 2006-10T signed by Governor Taft on May 10, 2006. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has entered into an interagency agreement with the Ohio Board of Regents to provide TANF funding for this program in SFY 2007.

The program was created to assist low-income students to increase participation and success in post-secondary education. The Ohio Board of Regents will administer the program through collaborating universities. Attached is a list of public and independent not-for-profit colleges and universities that are eligible to participate in this program. The Board of Regents expects to confirm participation within the next few weeks and will be providing a complete list of participating universities or colleges at that time.

The program will provide Educational Incentive Payments to eligible students attending a participating institution and will be based on the student's progress in successfully completing college level course work. The award is available to both part-time and full-time students. The maximum award that can be granted to a single student in a school year is \$1,200.00.

To be eligible for this program, a student must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and be a parent of a minor child (custodial or non-custodial), or be a woman at least six months pregnant. In addition to the TANF requirements, the student must be enrolled in an undergraduate program during the 2006-2007 academic year, an Ohio resident, a U.S. citizen, and attending a higher education institution participating in the program. Eligible students must already have shown a level of commitment and persistence by having completed at least fifteen (15) hours of college level work with an accredited institution of higher education.

County Department of Job & Family Services are not responsible for applications or eligibility determinations; however, this information is being shared to keep you as informed as possible. For additional program information, please contact the Ohio Board of Regents, State Grants & Scholarship Section by phone at (888) 833-1133 or visit their website at <http://www.regents.state.oh.us/sgs/teap.html>. If you have other questions regarding TEAP, please contact Matthew Cunningham, Chief, TANF Interagency Section, at 614-644-1296 or at cunnim@odjfs.state.oh.us.

Thank you.

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