

Prekindergarten Eligibility – Star of Texas

Overview

Statute: [TEC §29.153 \(b\)](#), Texas Government Code - [§ 3106.002](#), [§ 3106.003](#), [§ 3106.004](#)

Resources: [Student Attendance and Accounting Handbook \(SAAH\)](#), [Section 7.2.7](#) & [Star of Texas Webpage](#) (list of past honorees can be found here)

Contact: District or Campus PK Enrollment Specialist

A student is eligible on the basis that his or her parent or guardian has received the Star of Texas Award for:

- peace officers
- firefighters
- emergency medical first responders

To be eligible, the parent must have been awarded between 2004 and the current year of the awards ceremony.

Documentation

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division honors recipients annually in September. The resolution (certificate) awarded to an individual serves as proof of eligibility to enroll these children in free pre-k if they are age eligible. A list of past honorees may be viewed on the Criminal Justice Division— [Past Honorees webpage](#).

Honorees may also provide a letter from their local representative as documentation for eligibility. If an individual has a pre-k-aged child and has been nominated but not notified as an honoree prior to the current school year, that individual may make a request that the Early Childhood Education Division determine eligibility based on the nomination submitted for review to the Criminal Justice Division.

Key Points

- Many districts preregister pre-k students to determine and plan for the size of the next school year's pre-k program. Districts may begin this process on or after April 1 of each year. Once a child is determined to be eligible, they remain eligible without reverification prior to the next school year.