**2015-2016 Quality Texas Foundation Application Fees**

Fee for Eligibility Certification – All Sectors and Application Levels

The Eligibility Certification fee is $350 for all Levels except Beginning Level (Free). This fee is not refundable.

**Fee by Sector and Application Level (effective July 1, 2015)**

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| **Sector** | **Higher Achievement Level\*+** | **Award Level\* (Site visit required)** | **Progress Level\***  **(Site visit optional)** | **Commitment Level** | **Engagement Level** | **Beginning Level** |
|  | OP + 50 pages | OP + 50 pages | OP + 30 pages | OP + 20 pages | OP + 10 pages | OP only  (5 pages) |
| **Manufacturing; Service; Healthcare; Education; For-Profit Business; Government >500 employees** | $12,000 (inquire with CEO for details) | $10,000 | $7,000 | $5,500 | $4,500 | $2,000 |
| **Manufacturing; Service; Healthcare; Education; For-Profit Business; Government entities; Small Business <500 employees** | $12,000  (inquire with CEO for details) | $10,000 | $6,000 | $4,500 | $3,750 | $1,000 |
| **New Products** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Government (sections); Education (sections); Business (sections) <50 employees** | N/A | $7,000 | $5,000 | $3,750 | $3,000 | $1,000 |
| **Not-for- Profit <50 employees** | N/A | $6,000 | $4,000 | $3,000 | $2,000 | $1,000 |

\*plus site visit fees +reserved for previous TAPE/Baldrige winners only

All levels can receive help from Quality Texas regarding how to complete the application and details about our processes to assist with your organizational improvement.

Reports are used along with a Site Visit and recommended improvements are suggested as they are discovered. Site Visits are normally 3-4 days with the applicant; two days prior to visiting with the applicant and two days after visiting the applicant – normally 6-7 days. The applicant receives a feedback report and a top ten list of needed improvements.

All levels receive a feedback report designed to provide a roadmap for continuous improvement. All levels may request up to six hours of coaching (phone) or in person (minimal cost required) from the Quality Texas Foundation to expedite improvements. Call for details.

**Site Visits**

Site visit expenses for organizations will depend on the number of sites to be visited, the number of Examiners assigned, and the duration of the site visit. Site visit expenses cover travel costs, lodging, and meals associated with the site visit (site visit team requirements) and development of the site visit reports. Expenses will be based upon ***actual cost incurred by the examination team during the site visit only***.

Typical site visit costs range from $8,000 to $10,000 for the **Award Level** and the **Higher Achievement Level**. **Progress** **Level** Site Visits range from $4,000 to $8,000. Requests for site visits need to be included in the applicant’s Eligibility Certification Form. Every attempt will be taken to limit the costs of the site visits by the Team Leader conducting the site visit.