



Helping Heroes Grant Program

2009-2010 Eligibility Requirements and Terms of Agreement

Program Summary

The Helping Heroes Grant program is established as part of the system of lottery-funded scholarships and is administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. Its purpose is to provide postsecondary educational financial assistance, on a first come first-served basis, to Tennessee veterans who are former members of the armed forces, reserves or a Tennessee National Guard unit and who were called into active military service of the United States.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Helping Heroes Grant, a student must:

- Be a citizen of Tennessee; and
- Be a resident of Tennessee for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application; and
- Not be in default on a federal Title IV educational loan or Tennessee educational loan; and
- Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV student financial aid program or a Tennessee student financial aid program; and
- Be in compliance with federal drug-free rules and laws for receiving financial assistance; and
- Not be incarcerated; and
- Have received an honorable discharge; and
- Have been awarded:
 - The Iraq Campaign Medal; or
 - The Afghanistan Campaign Medal; or
 - The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, on or after September 11, 2001
- Make application for a Helping Heroes Grant each academic year - Fall (September 1, deadline), Spring (February 1, deadline), and Summer (May 1, deadline); and
- Be admitted to, and enroll in, an eligible postsecondary institution seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree; and
- Have not yet received a baccalaureate degree.
- Award of a Helping Heroes Grant shall be made after the completion of a semester, so long as the student successfully completes the course with a non-failing grade as the final grade for the course.

Continuation Requirements

To maintain eligibility for the Helping Heroes Grant, a student must:

- Re-apply each academic year for the Helping Heroes Grant; and
- Successfully complete at least six (6) semester hours for any semester and receive a non-failing grade as the final grade for the course; and
- Meet all qualifications for the grant for any semester which commences prior to the eighth anniversary of the veteran's honorable discharge from military service.

Terminating Events

The student may receive the Helping Heroes Grant until the first of the following events:

- A maximum of eight (8) semesters have passed; or
 - In calculating the total number of semesters, a student enrolled in six (6) to eleven (11) semester hours shall be counted as one-half (1/2) semester
- Student receives the baccalaureate degree; or
- Eight (8) years have passed since the veteran's honorable discharge from military service.

Award Amounts

Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for financial assistance, a Helping Heroes Grant awarded to an eligible veteran shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per semester in which the student successfully completes twelve (12) or more semester hours. A student successfully completing six (6) to eleven (11) semester hours shall receive five hundred dollars (\$500) per semester. A student successfully completing fewer than six (6) semester hours in a semester shall not be eligible for the grant for that semester. Receipt of student financial aid from sources other than the Helping Heroes Grant that are applied to educational expenses will not operate to reduce the student's grant as long as the student's total aid does not exceed the total cost of attendance.

Eligible Postsecondary Institutions

Aquinas College (003477)
Aquinas College Primetime (E00966-00)
Austin Peay State University (003478)
Art Institute of Tennessee-Nashville, The (009270)
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences (034403)
Belmont University (003479)
Bethel University (003480)
Bryan College (003536)
Carson-Newman College (003481)
Chattanooga State Tech Community College (003998)
Christian Brothers University (003482)
Cleveland State Community College (003999)
Columbia State Community College (003483)
Crichton College (009982)
Cumberland University (003485)
David Lipscomb University (003486)
Dyersburg State Community College (006835)
East Tennessee State University (003487)
Fisk University (003490)
Free Will Baptist Bible College (030018)
Freed-Hardeman University (003492)
Jackson State Community College (004937)
John A. Gupton College (008859)
Johnson Bible College (003495)
King College (003496)
Lambuth University (003498)
Lane College (003499)
Lee University (003500)
LeMoyne-Owen College (003501)
Lincoln Memorial University (003502)
Martin Methodist College (003504)
Maryville College (003505)
Memphis College of Art (003507)
Middle Tennessee State University (003510)
Milligan College (003511)
Motlow State Community College (006836)
Nashville State Technical Community College (007534)
Northeast State Tech Community College (005378)
O'More College of Design (014663)
Pellissippi State Tech Community College (012693)
Rhodes College (003519)
Roane State Community College (009914)
South College (004938)
Southern Adventist University (003518)
Southwest Tennessee Community College (010439)
Tennessee State University (003522)
Tennessee Technological University (003523)
Tennessee Wesleyan College (003525)
Trevecca Nazarene University (003526)
Tusculum College (003527)
Union University (003528)
University of Memphis (003509)
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (003529)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville (003530)
University of Tennessee, Martin (003531)
University of Tennessee, Memphis (006725)
University of the South (003534)
Vanderbilt University (003535)
Volunteer State Community College (009912)
Walters State Community College (008863)
Watkins Institute College of Art and Design (031276)



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Type or print clearly in ink. The applicant must meet the Eligibility Requirements and Terms of Agreement as defined in this document and mail or fax this application and the DD-214 to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (see address above).

1. Last Name		First Name		MI	
2. Permanent Address (Number, Street and Apt. # - if applicable)				3. Social Security Number	
City		State		Zip Code	
				4. County	
				5. Date of Birth / /	
6. Home Phone Number ()		7. Gender M F		8. Resident of TN? Y N	
				9. TN Residency Date / /	
10. E-mail Address					
11. Race: (circle one) White Black American Indian/Alaskan Native Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Other			12. Citizenship Status (circle one) US Citizen Permanent Resident Non-Citizen Registered Alien – A _____		
15. Honorably Discharged Veteran of the United States? (circle one)				Y N	
16. Date of Honorable Discharge? / /			17. Medal Awarded (please check) ____ Iraq Campaign Medal ____ Afghanistan Campaign Medal ____ Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (on or after September 11, 2001)		
18. Now incarcerated? Y N			19. Received Baccalaureate Degree? Y N		
20. Default on Federal Educational Loan or in an overpayment status on any other Federal Program? Y N			21. Compliant with Federal Drug-Free Rules and Law? (being compliant means no felony possession of or selling illegal drug charges while receiving Federal Student Aid) Y N		
26. Name of College or University: Expected Completion Date: / /			27. Enrollment Status: Full Time (12 hours or more) _____ or Part Time (6 – 11 hours) _____		
28. Semesters Enrolled: Fall 2009 _____ Spring 2010 _____ Summer 2010 _____					

Please Read the Certification and Authorization Statement and Sign Below.

I, hereby, certify to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation that I have carefully read the “2009-2010” Eligibility Requirements and Terms of Agreement.” I certify that I have read this application and assure the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide, if requested, any other documentation to verify such information. I authorize the educational institution to release or exchange to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation or its agents, any information requested by such person and further agree that such information exchange may include financial, enrollment, and academic status, and location information to properly administer the Helping Heroes Grant Program offered by the state. I affirm that any funds obtained in this program will be used solely for educational expenses related to the Associate Degree or Baccalaureate Degree.

_____ Date

Applicant's Signature