

TIPS FOR PARENTS



1 As soon as possible, begin saving for college! Even if it's only \$25/month, in 18 years your child could have \$12,000 to add to grants, scholarships, and other financial aid. For more information regarding college savings plans in TN, visit www.tnstars.com.

2 It's never too early to teach your children the value of a dollar! As early as elementary school, begin educating your kids about saving, budgeting, and wisely spending money!

3 Encourage your child to challenge themselves! Students that take the most challenging courses in school are best prepared for college success.

4 Visit a campus... **TODAY!** Visiting a campus at any age is a great step in making college dreams a reality. As a high school student, it's an important step in the college selection process. Price, location, and programs offered are just a few things to consider when choosing a college.

5 Apply early! Financial aid is limited. Complete all financial aid, scholarship, and loan applications as soon as possible! Admission to some colleges is competitive. Do not apply to only one college; keep your options open by applying to several.

FAQ HOPE Scholarship for High School Seniors

Q: Should I take easy classes in high school so my GPA will be high enough to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship?

A: No! Taking easy classes in high school might get you a higher GPA but you won't be prepared for college and you'll be less likely to keep your scholarship after your freshman year. Take all the Math, Science, and English classes you can get!

Q: While I'm in high school wouldn't I be better off working more to save money for college?

A: Not if your grades suffer from it! A HOPE Scholarship at a four-year institution is worth at least \$16,000. That's like working to save \$100/week, every week, for more than three years!

Q: Do I have to go to college right after I graduate to get the HOPE Scholarship?

A: No. Students who meet all other eligibility requirements can take up to 16 months off before enrolling at a HOPE-eligible institution.

Q: My college is using an ACT "Super Score" for admissions. Can I use it to qualify for HOPE too?

A: No. Your highest composite score on a single test is used to determine HOPE eligibility.

Q: Is the FAFSA the only way to apply for a HOPE Scholarship?

A: Yes.

Q: I'm getting the HOPE Scholarship! Can I use it at any college in Tennessee?

A: Congrats on becoming a HOPE Scholar! You may use the HOPE Scholarship at only the approved, HOPE-eligible institutions in Tennessee. To find a list of these colleges, go to the Lottery Scholarship page at www.TN.gov/collegepays.

Q: How is my weighted GPA for the HOPE scholarship calculated?

A: It is weighted per the uniform grading policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education. For further details, ask your school counselor.

FAQ HOPE Scholarship for College Students

Q: Once I start as a college freshman can I 'sit out' a semester to work and still receive my HOPE Scholarship?

A: No. Maintaining continuous enrollment is a requirement for HOPE eligibility. Once you start your freshman year, you must enroll in AT LEAST 6 hours in the Fall and Spring semesters to receive your scholarship award.

Q: I need to drop some classes. Will this impact my HOPE Scholarship?

A: It depends. Once the semester begins, if dropping courses causes you to go from full time to part time you could lose your HOPE Scholarship permanently. NEVER drop courses without talking to your financial aid office about how it may impact your HOPE eligibility.

Q: What are the requirements to keep my HOPE Scholarship?

A: At the end of 24 and 48 attempted hours a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75. At the 72-hour benchmark and beyond, a student can retain the award by having a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above OR achieving a cumulative GPA between 2.75-2.99 and earning a semester GPA of 3.0. It is important to note that students who retain the award with a cumulative GPA between 2.75-2.99 must be enrolled full-time, except for summer, and will have their eligibility checked at the end of each semester. Students who retain the award with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above are eligible until the next benchmark is reached.

Q: Can I regain the HOPE Scholarship later if I don't make the required GPA?

A: Yes, students may regain the award one time only if they raise their cumulative GPA to the appropriate level for that particular benchmark. For example, if your GPA is below 2.75 when you attempt 24 semester hours, you can regain the award at the 48-hour benchmark by raising your cumulative GPA to 2.75 or above. If you made a low grade in a course, you also have the opportunity to repeat one course, one time, to help you regain the award. Please contact TSAC or your school for further details.

To Do List:

- Talk to H.S. counselor
- Make out a budget
- Fill out applications
- Schedule to take the ACT or SAT
- Call the financial aid office
- Visit the university with Mom & Dad
- Study, Study, Study!!

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation

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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION



TN.GOV/COLLEGEPAYS
CollegeforTN.org

FAFSA Checklist

- ✓ Get a PIN today! A parent and the student, BOTH, need to get a personal identification number at www.pin.ed.gov
- ✓ Gather all your information today! Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, tax returns, other financial records including untaxed income, savings, investments etc. for parents and the student.
- ✓ Get your FAFSA filled out ASAP after January 1! Filling out the FAFSA is FREE at www.fafsa.gov! For assistance, call 1-800-4FED-AID or contact the college financial aid office.
- ✓ Follow up on your FAFSA! Once processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review your SAR for corrections or updates.

FINANCIAL AID TIPS

- **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!**
- Check with your high school counselor, employer, church, bank and search FREE websites for scholarships.
- Contact the department of your intended major and other campus departments regarding scholarships.
- **REMEMBER, DO NOT PAY TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR ATTEND PRESENTATIONS GUARANTEEING FREE SCHOLARSHIPS!**
- Inform financial aid administrators about special circumstances that may affect your financial aid.
- Read everything you receive from a prospective college because it may require more information from you or your parent(s) prior to awarding financial aid.
- Keep a copy of all financial aid documents, especially loan paperwork.

Direct Stafford Loan Program

Undergraduate / Graduate

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents or eligible non-citizens
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study at an eligible postsecondary institution at least half-time
- Financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- Loan certification by the financial aid office
- Contact the financial aid office for additional eligibility criteria

AWARD FACTS:

- The amount borrowed may not exceed the cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance and cannot exceed the annual and total loan limits

HOW TO APPLY:

- Must complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov
- Must complete a Master Promissory Note

Direct PLUS Loan Program

Parent or Graduate / Professional

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Parents and/or students must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents or eligible non-citizens
- Students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study at an eligible postsecondary institution at least half-time
- A credit check will be performed
- Loan certification by the financial aid office
- Contact the financial aid office for additional eligibility criteria

AWARD FACTS:

- The amount borrowed may not exceed the cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance

HOW TO APPLY:

- Must complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov
- Must complete a Master Promissory Note



BORROWING MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Someone with a bachelor's degree earns over \$500,000 more than a high school graduate over their career (see chart below). But most of the time, getting that college degree will cost you some money first. Most financial aid packages include a combination of grants, scholarships and student loans. Always check with your financial aid office to discover ways to minimize the loan amount you have to borrow.

Always keep in mind that when you take out a student loan you are borrowing against your future earning potential AND even if you don't finish college—you MUST repay your loan. A good guide to remember when taking on the huge responsibility of a student loan is to make sure your monthly payment is no more than 10 – 15% of your monthly gross income.

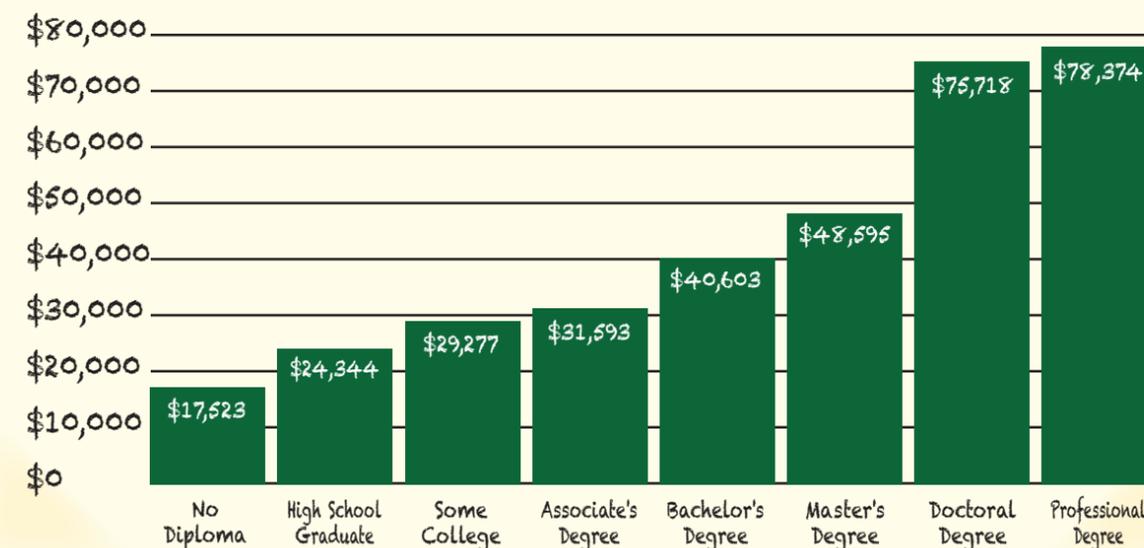
Today, the average college graduate has between \$20,000 and \$80,000 in student loan debt and another \$2,500 to \$5,000 in credit card debt. It costs money to borrow money - better known as interest.

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

| Total Borrowed | \$10,000 | \$23,000 | \$46,000 | \$138,500 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Monthly Payment | \$115 | \$265 | \$529 | \$1,594 |
| Total Owed/Paid | \$13,810 | \$31,762 | \$63,523 | \$191,263 |
| Interest Paid | \$3,810 | \$8,762 | \$17,523 | \$52,763 |

Standard repayment plan for undergraduate or graduate borrower at 6.8% fixed interest rate, 120 monthly payments.

SALARY AVERAGES BASED UPON EDUCATION LEVEL



TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION PROGRAMS

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

| PROGRAMS | ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS | AWARD FACTS | HOW TO APPLY |
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| HOPE SCHOLARSHIP | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Must be admitted to and enrolled in at least 6 hours in a HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution within 16 months of graduation from an eligible high school, homeschool, or GED program • Minimum 21 ACT (Composite)/980 SAT (Math + Critical Reading ONLY) on a national or state test date OR 3.0 final GPA for entering freshmen graduating from an eligible public or category 1, 2, or 3 private high school • GED students must have the minimum ACT/SAT test scores stated above and qualifying score on the GED or HISET test • Homeschool* and non-category 1, 2, or 3 private high school graduates must have the minimum ACT/SAT test scores stated above AND must have been enrolled in a homeschool for at least 1 academic year immediately preceding completion • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA after 24 and 48 attempted hours • At 72, 96, and 120 attempted hours, students must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA OR if the cumulative GPA is between 2.75-2.99 and semester GPA of 3.0, then the student must be enrolled full-time for each semester except for Summer and will have eligibility checked at the end of each semester of continuous enrollment. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress AND continuous enrollment at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Students should NEVER drop a course without talking to their financial aid office about how it may impact their HOPE Scholarship eligibility</p> <p>*Independent homeschool students must register with the local school district in which the student resides</p> <p>*GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education</p> | <p>For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible two-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$1,500 per semester (fall, spring, summer) For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible four-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$1,750 per semester (fall, spring, summer) • The award amount remains the same in the sophomore year • The award amount increases up to \$2,250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) in the junior and senior years For students who first received HOPE in fall 2009 semester through summer 2015 Up to \$2,000 per semester (fall, spring, summer) at an eligible four-year Tennessee postsecondary institution or a two-year institution that offers on-campus housing • Up to \$1,000 per semester (fall, spring, summer) at an eligible two-year Tennessee postsecondary institution • Awards to part-time students are prorated • Terminating Events: Scholarship is terminated after earning baccalaureate degree OR student has attempted 120 semester hours OR five (5) years have passed from date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution – whichever occurs first – exceptions may be available to student with documented medical disabilities • Student who are enrolled in a program of study greater than 120 hours in length may receive the award for up to 136 attempted semester hours or number of semester hours required to earn degree, whichever is less</p> <p>*For students who first received HOPE prior to the fall 2009 semester, contact TSAC at 1-800-342-1663 or visit the TSAC website at www.tn.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 at www.fafsa.gov • All students MUST apply by September 1 for the Fall term or February 1 for the Spring and Summer terms • Early application recommended • Students must reapply each year in order to remain eligible</p> |
| GENERAL ASSEMBLY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP | <p>This is a supplement to the HOPE Scholarship; students must be HOPE eligible • Students may receive either General Assembly Merit Scholarship (GAMS) or Aspire Award, but not both • Minimum 29 ACT (Composite)/1280 SAT (Math + Critical Reading ONLY) on a national or state test date AND 3.75 final weighted GPA for entering freshmen graduating from eligible public or category 1, 2, or 3 private high schools • Homeschool and non-category 1, 2, or 3 private high school graduates must have minimum ACT/SAT test scores stated above AND been enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours (minimum 4 courses, excluding P.E.) with a minimum 3.0 GPA at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution while enrolled in high school • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> <p>*GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education</p> | <p>For students who first received HOPE in fall 2009 semester or thereafter Up to \$500 per semester (fall, spring, summer) supplement to the HOPE Scholarship • Awards to part-time students are prorated</p> <p>*For students who first received HOPE prior to the fall 2009 semester, contact TSAC at 1-800-342-1663 or visit the TSAC website at www.tn.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> |
| ASPIRE AWARD | <p>This is a supplement to the HOPE Scholarship; students must be HOPE eligible • Students may receive either Aspire Award or GAMS, but not both • Parents' or independent student's (and spouse's) adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less on IRS tax form • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> | <p>For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible two-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) For students who first received HOPE in fall 2009 semester or thereafter at a four-year school Up to \$750 per semester (fall, spring, summer) supplement to the HOPE Scholarship • Awards to part-time students are prorated</p> <p>*For students who first received HOPE prior to the fall 2009 semester, contact TSAC at 1-800-342-1663 or visit the TSAC website at www.tn.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> |
| HOPE ACCESS GRANT | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Must be admitted to and enrolled in at least 6 hours in a HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution within 16 months of graduation from an eligible high school • Must have an 18, 19, or 20 ACT (Composite)/860-970 SAT (Math + Critical Reading ONLY) on a national or state test date AND 2.75 – 2.99 final weighted GPA for entering freshmen graduating from eligible public or category 1, 2, or 3 private high schools ONLY AND parents' or independent student's (and spouse's) adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less on IRS tax form • RENEWAL CRITERIA: The HOPE Access Grant is nonrenewable after 24 attempted hours, however students may qualify for the HOPE Scholarship by meeting the renewal criteria above; contact financial aid office for details • Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress AND continuous enrollment at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Students should NEVER drop a course without talking to their financial aid office about how it may impact their HOPE Scholarship eligibility</p> <p>*GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education</p> | <p>For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible two-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$875 per semester (fall, spring, summer) For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible four-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$1,250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) For students who first received HOPE in fall 2009 semester or thereafter through summer 2015 For initial 24 attempted hours ONLY: Up to \$1,375 per semester (fall, spring, summer) at an eligible four-year Tennessee postsecondary institution or a two-year institution that offers on-campus housing • Up to \$875 per semester (fall, spring, summer) at an eligible two-year Tennessee postsecondary institution • Awards to part-time students are prorated • Terminating events are same as HOPE Scholarship</p> <p>*For students who first received HOPE prior to the fall 2009 semester, contact TSAC at 1-800-342-1663 or visit the TSAC website at www.tn.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> |
| WILDER-NAIFEH TECHNICAL SKILLS GRANT | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Available to all students who enroll in a Tennessee College of Applied Technology in a certificate or diploma program • Student must NOT, at any time, have been a prior recipient of a HOPE Scholarship • <i>Students may be eligible for HOPE Scholarship IF initially HOPE eligible and enroll at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution within three years of completing a diploma program</i> • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress AND continuous enrollment at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology</p> | <p>Up to \$2,000 per year • Awards to part-time students are prorated • Scholarship is terminated after earning a certificate or diploma</p> | <p>Submit FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov • Must apply by July 1 for Summer, November 1 for Fall and March 1 for Spring Trimesters • Students must reapply each year in order to remain eligible</p> |
| HOPE SCHOLARSHIP FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Minimum 25 years of age AND student's (and spouse's) adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less AND must be an entering freshman OR have not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution for at least 2 years • Students must "earn their way" into the HOPE Scholarship program by attempting 12 semester hours without the HOPE scholarship and achieve a minimum 2.75 GPA at a HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Same as HOPE Scholarship beginning with 12 attempted hours AND \$36,000 or less adjusted gross income on IRS tax form • Ineligible for the General Assembly Merit Scholarship and Aspire Award</p> <p>*Contact the financial aid office for more details</p> | <p>For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible two-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$1,500 per semester (fall, spring, summer) For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible four-year school beginning in fall 2015 Up to \$1,750 per semester (fall, spring, summer) • The award amount remains the same in the sophomore year • The award amount increases up to \$2,250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) in the junior and senior years For students who first received HOPE in fall 2009 semester through summer 2015 Same award amounts as HOPE Scholarship • Award is equally divided between fall, spring, and summer semesters • Terminating Events: Scholarship is terminated after earning baccalaureate degree OR student has attempted 120 semester hours OR five (5) years have passed from date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution (five (5) year and semester hour limitations shall be based on sum of years or total semester hours attempted while receiving the HOPE Scholarship or the HOPE Scholarship for non-traditional students) – whichever occurs first – Contact financial aid office for details • Non-traditional students who are enrolled in a program of study greater than 120 hours in length may receive the award for up to 136 attempted semester hours or number of semester hours required to earn degree, whichever is less</p> <p>*For students who first received HOPE prior to the fall 2009 semester, contact TSAC at 1-800-342-1663 or visit the TSAC website at www.tn.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> |
| DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Students must be a junior or senior in an eligible Tennessee high school or Tennessee homeschool program • Meet dual enrollment admission requirements set by the HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution • Students who meet HOPE Scholarship academic requirements may enroll in one (1) additional course per semester • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Maintain 2.75 college GPA for all postsecondary courses attempted under the Dual Enrollment Grant • Reapply each semester • Additional information about this program is available at www.TN.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Up to \$600 per semester (two (2) courses) or \$1,200 per academic year • Enrollment as a dual enrollment student shall not count against the five (5) year or credit hour limitation for the HOPE Scholarship • Students who receive financial assistance for more than four (4) Dual Enrollment Grant courses will have these funds reduced from their HOPE Scholarship on a dollar per dollar basis in the first semester of enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution • If the student's HOPE award in the first semester is less than the amount of the total reduction, then the remaining reduction amount will be applied against the second semester, and subsequent semesters if necessary, until the reduction is eliminated</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • Must reapply each semester in order to remain eligible</p> |
| HOPE FOSTER CHILD TUITION GRANT | <p>Students must meet the applicable high school academic requirements for the HOPE Scholarship or HOPE Access Grant • Students who were in the custody of the Department of Children Services for at least 1 year after 14th birthday • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Must meet satisfactory progress according to the standards and practices used in Title IV programs by the eligible institution at which the student is enrolled • Additional information about this program is available at www.TN.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Award amount varies based on level of unmet need after all financial assistance (excluding loans and work-study) has been applied and not to exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees • If enrolled at an independent institution, the award amount shall not exceed the statewide average public tuition and mandatory fees rate</p> | <p>Same as HOPE Scholarship</p> |
| HELPING HEROES GRANT | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Be admitted to and enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution • Must not have received a baccalaureate degree • Must be a veteran (former member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has received an Honorable Discharge OR a former or current member of a reserve or TN National Guard unit) AND has been awarded The Iraq Campaign Medal, The Afghanistan Campaign Medal or after 9/11/01 received The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Must successfully complete at least 6 semester hours or more with a non-failing grade • Additional information about this program is available at www.TN.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>\$1,000 per semester for any semester during the academic year which the student successfully completes 12 or more hours • \$500 per semester for any semester during the academic year which the student successfully completes 6-11 hours</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • Awards made on a first-come, first-served basis</p> |
| TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD (TSAA) | <p>Tennessee residents, U.S. citizens • Undergraduate students pursuing their first degree and enrolled at least half-time at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Satisfactory academic progress, minimum half-time enrollment • Submit renewal FAFSA each year to determine financial need</p> | <p>Awards are based on the institution type: \$4,000 independent institution, \$2,000 public four-year institution and proprietary schools, \$1,300 public two-year institution, and \$1,000 Tennessee College of Applied Technology • Awards to part-time students are prorated • Maximum 4 years eligibility</p> | <p>All applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA by March 1 at www.fafsa.gov • Prior-year recipients (renewals) receive award if eligible and applying on or before March 1 • All other awards made to neediest applicants • Based on funding availability • Awards are made until funds are depleted</p> |
| NED MCWHERTER SCHOLARS PROGRAM | <p>Tennessee residents, U.S. citizens • Entering freshmen enrolled full-time at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Minimum 29 ACT (Composite)/1280 SAT (Math + Critical Reading ONLY) on a national or state test date AND a 3.5 GPA • Extra credit for honors or advanced placement courses and leadership in extracurricular activities • Highly competitive • RENEWAL CRITERIA: 3.2 GPA, full-time enrollment, renewal application required</p> <p>*GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education</p> | <p>Up to \$6,000 per academic year (\$3,000 from the institution, \$3,000 from TSAC) • Based on funding availability • Maximum 4 years of undergraduate eligibility</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • For consideration, completed application, required documentation, and transcript must be received by TSAC no later than February 15</p> |
| DEPENDENT CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM | <p>Tennessee residents, U.S. citizens • Dependent children of law enforcement officers, firemen or emergency medical technicians who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty while employed in Tennessee • Enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Financial need as determined by the FAFSA • RENEWAL CRITERIA: Satisfactory academic progress, full-time enrollment, renewal application required</p> | <p>Award amount based on state funding and student's direct cost coordinated with other financial aid • Maximum 4 years of undergraduate eligibility</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • For consideration, completed application, required documentation, and completed FAFSA must be received by TSAC no later than July 15</p> |
| TENNESSEE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP | <p>Tennessee resident/U.S. citizen/students who graduate from an eligible high school, homeschool, or earn a GED/HISET (prior to 19th birthday) can receive an award at an eligible postsecondary institution toward tuition and mandatory fees after all other gift aid has been first applied • High school students must attend mandatory meetings and participate in a mentoring program • College students must attend full time, continue to participate in the mentoring program, and perform 8 hours of community service prior to each term the award is received • This scholarship program begins in the 2015-16 academic year</p> | <p>Award amount varies based on amount of remaining tuition and mandatory fees after all other gift aid has first been applied</p> | <p>High School students will be required to complete the Tennessee Promise application at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal by November 1 for the fall term AND the FAFSA by February 15 at www.fafsa.gov</p> |
| WILDER-NAIFEH RECONNECT | <p>Tennessee resident, U.S. citizen • Have a FAFSA dependency status of "independent" • Enroll full-time at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology • Be in pursuit of a certificate or diploma • Maintain continuous enrollment and satisfactory academic progress</p> | <p>Award amount varies based on amount of remaining tuition and mandatory fees after all other gift aid has first been applied • Scholarship is terminated after student earns a diploma OR no longer maintains continuous enrollment or satisfactory academic progress OR is no longer enrolled full-time or in a certificate or diploma program</p> | <p>Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 at www.fafsa.gov</p> |
| MINORITY TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM | <p>Tennessee residents, U.S. citizens • Minority students enrolled full-time at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Entering freshmen with a 2.75 high school GPA AND at least an 18 ACT (Composite)/860 SAT (Math + Critical Reading ONLY) on a national or state test date • Continuing college students with a 2.5 cumulative college GPA • RENEWAL CRITERIA: 2.5 cumulative GPA, full-time enrollment, renewal application required</p> | <p>Up to \$5,000 per academic year • Maximum 4 years of undergraduate eligibility • Loan forgiveness has an employment obligation or award becomes a loan</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • For consideration, completed application, required documentation, and transcript must be received by TSAC no later than April 15</p> |
| TN TEACHING SCHOLARS PROGRAM | <p>Tennessee residents, U.S. citizens • College juniors, seniors and post-baccalaureate students admitted to a teacher education program at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Awards based on available funds, applicant ranking of GPA's, test scores and teaching shortage areas • Undergraduate students must be enrolled full-time, graduate students at least half-time • Applicants cannot be licensed teachers or receive the scholarship while employed or previously employed in teaching positions • RENEWAL CRITERIA: 2.75 cumulative GPA, renewal application required</p> | <p>Up to \$5,000 per academic year • Maximum of 4 years of eligibility • Loan forgiveness has an employment obligation or award becomes a loan</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • For consideration, completed application, required documentation, and transcript must be received by TSAC no later than April 15</p> |
| TN MATH & SCIENCE TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM | <p>Tennessee resident for 1 year prior to application deadline • Tenured Tennessee public school teachers seeking a teaching certification in math or science or an advanced degree in math or science • Must maintain satisfactory progress in the program of study • Must not have a break in enrollment for more than twelve (12) months</p> | <p>Up to \$2,000 per academic year with maximum not to exceed \$10,000 • Program of study shall be completed within five (5) years beginning with first semester awarded • Must teach 2 years in the subject area of math or science in a Tennessee Public School for each year of funding received or it becomes a loan that must be repaid</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • Must complete a promissory note for each academic year</p> |
| GRADUATE NURSING LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM | <p>Tennessee residents, U.S. citizens • Graduate students must be accepted for enrollment at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution in a program leading to a master's or post-master's degree in nursing education • Students must hold an unencumbered Tennessee Registered Nursing License • Must commit to teach nursing at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution for 4 years • Additional information about this program is available at www.TN.gov/collegepays</p> | <p>Up to \$7,000 for full-time OR \$3,500 for part-time enrollment, per academic year • Based on funding availability • Eligibility maximum 4 years of full-time enrollment • Loan forgiveness has an employment obligation or award becomes a loan</p> | <p>Application available at www.TN.gov/TSACstudentportal • For consideration, completed application must be received by TSAC no later than March 1</p> |

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LOAN FORGIVENESS

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