



Tennessee Promise

May 2017

Two years into two years tuition-free.

Tennessee Promise Timeline

February 2014

Governor Bill Haslam announces his proposal for Tennessee Promise in annual State of the State address.

April 2014

General Assembly passes legislation to create the Tennessee Promise scholarship.

May 2014

Governor Haslam signs Tennessee Promise into law.

August 2014

Tennessee Promise application opens for high school seniors.

August 2015

First cohort of Tennessee Promise students enroll.

August 2016

Second cohort of Tennessee Promise students enroll.

May 2017

First cohort of Tennessee Promise students begin to graduate with associate degrees.

33,081

students have enrolled using Tennessee Promise since Fall 2015

16,291

Cohort 1
H.S. Class of 2015

16,790

Cohort 2
H.S. Class of 2016

Enrollment is up among first-time freshmen since Tennessee Promise was implemented.



30% FTF increase at community colleges

32% increase in enrollment at TCATs

Students were less reliant on loans in 2015-16.

17% decrease in loan originations

12% decrease in federal student loan amounts



63%
of Tennessee Promise Cohort 1 students re-enrolled in 2016-17

58%

retention for Tennessee Promise students at community colleges

83%

retention for Tennessee Promise students at TCATs

Numbers above are for all students who were ever enrolled while eligible for Tennessee Promise.

#1

Tennessee led the nation in FAFSA filings in 2014-15 and in 2015-16.

Tennessee on track to be #1 in FAFSA filings again in 2016-17.