



**Tennessee
Student
Assistance
Corporation**

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2009 College Access and
Success Conference
Chattanooga, TN
November 10, 2009

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Admissions

- Research colleges online
 - www.collegefortn.org
- Academic Common Market
 - www.tn.gov/thec
- Visit several campuses
- Attend a college fair (underclassmen)
 - Sunday, April 25, 2010 Nashville Convention Center
- Apply to several colleges and apply EARLY!!!

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Financial Aid Terms

- Scholarships – free money awarded on the basis of merit, skill, or unique characteristic
- Grants – free money based on need
- Loans – money borrowed that must be paid back (LAST RESORT!!!)

DO NOT PAY TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR ATTEND A PRESENTATION GUARANTEEING FREE SCHOLARSHIPS!

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Financial Aid Sources

- Federal government (Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant, Stafford Loans, etc.)
 - www.studentaid.ed.gov
- State (HOPE Scholarship, Tennessee Student Assistance Award, etc.)
- Colleges (Institutional Aid)
- Private sources (National/Local Scholarships)
 - School counselor
 - www.fastweb.com

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Priority Deadlines

- University of Tennessee – Knoxville
– November 1, 2009
- Middle Tennessee State University
– December 1, 2009
- Tennessee Technological University
– December 15, 2009

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Test Dates

ACT National Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

www.act.org

SAT National Test Date	Registration Deadline
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

www.collegeboard.com

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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FAFSA

- 2010-11 FAFSA on the Web
 - Available January 1, 2010
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov (VERY IMPORTANT!)
 - Priority deadline is February 15, 2010
- College Goal Sunday
 - Sunday, February 14, 2010

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FAFSA Notes

- File taxes early or estimate
 - Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - Verification
- Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/remarried parental information
- Please contact financial aid office at each college if there are special circumstances
 - Student cannot obtain parent (i.e. adoptive or biological) information
 - Change in employment status

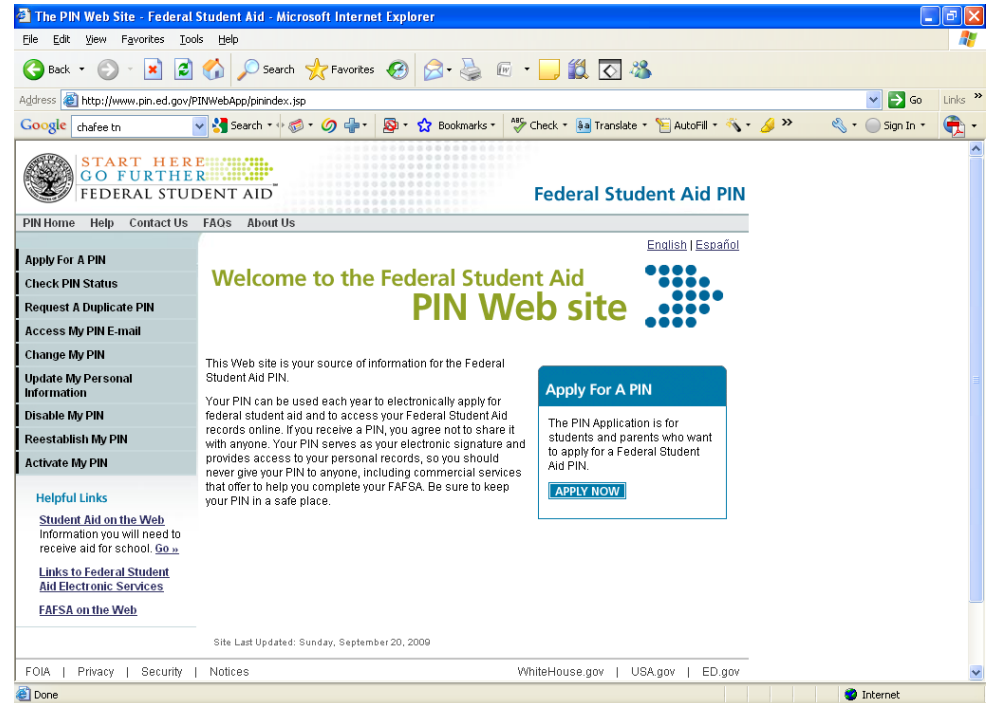
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PIN

- www.pin.ed.gov
- Obtain PIN(s) before January 1, 2010 for student (and one parent)
- Please keep PIN(s) to use in subsequent school years



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State Grant

- Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA)
 - \$4,000 per year at eligible TN independent institutions;
\$2,000 per year at eligible four-year TN public institutions;
\$1,300 per year at eligible two-year TN public institutions;
\$1,000 per year at TN Technology Centers
 - TN residents, U.S. citizens pursuing first degree and enrolled at least half-time
 - EFC – 0 to 2100
 - Submit FAFSA prior to **February 15**



- HOPE Scholarship
 - \$4,000 per year at eligible four-year TN institutions; \$2,000 per year at eligible two-year TN institutions
 - TN residents achieving 21 ACT composite **OR** 980 SAT (Math + Critical Reading) **OR** final cumulative 3.0 GPA (**Homeschool and non-category 1, 2 or 3 private high school requirements are different**)
 - Submit FAFSA



- HOPE Access Grant
 - \$2,750 per year at eligible four-year TN institutions; \$1,750 per year at eligible two-year TN institutions
 - 18, 19 or 20 ACT composite/860-970 SAT (Math + Critical Reading) **AND** 2.75 - 2.99 final cumulative GPA **AND** parents' or independent student's (and spouse's) adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less on IRS tax form
 - Nonrenewable after 24 attempted hours; however, may qualify for HOPE Scholarship thereafter
 - Submit FAFSA



- Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant
 - \$2,000 per year at TN Technology Center (TTC)
 - TN residents pursuing certificate or diploma program at TTC
 - Students may be eligible for HOPE Scholarship **IF** initially HOPE eligible and enroll at an eligible TN postsecondary institution within three years of completing a TTC diploma program
 - Submit FAFSA



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- General Assembly Merit Scholarship*
- Aspire Award*
- HOPE Scholarship for non-traditional students
- HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant

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Online Applications

- Dual Enrollment Grant*
 - Deadlines **Vary**
- Ned McWherter Scholars Program*
 - Deadline **February 15**
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program*
 - Deadline **March 1**
- Dependent Children Scholarship Program
 - Deadline **July 15**
- Minority Teaching Fellows Program (Loan Forgiveness)
 - Deadline **April 15**

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Online Applications

- Helping Heroes Grant
 - Deadlines **September 1** (fall); **February 1** (spring); **May 1** (summer)
- TN Teaching Scholars Program (Loan Forgiveness)
 - Deadline **April 15**
- TN Math & Science Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program
 - Deadlines **September 1** (fall); **February 1** (spring); **May 1** (summer)
- Graduate Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program
 - Deadline **March 1**
- Rural Health Loan Forgiveness Program
 - Deadline **September 1**

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SCHOLARSHIPS

GRANTS

STUDENT LOAN INFO

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