HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- **Visit several campuses** and attend college fairs leading up to and during your senior year.
- **Take and retake the ACT/SAT.**
- Apply for admission and institutional aid at several colleges during your senior year. **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!!!** Applying prior to Halloween is a safe bet. Remember to contact the department of your intended major and other campus departments regarding scholarships.
- Throughout your senior year, your school counselor will have scholarship information available, so please get to know your school counselor **TODAY**.
- Check with employers, churches, banks, and search **FREE websites** regarding scholarships.
- **As soon as possible after October 1, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov.** If you are graduating May 2020, you must complete the 2020-21 FAFSA. For state grant and TN Promise consideration, the 2020-21 FAFSA must be submitted by February 1, 2020.
- **Check your email often**. Carefully read everything you receive from a prospective college because it may require more information from you or you parent(s).
- **Contact a college's financial aid office in the spring of your senior year** if you have questions about the aid you are being offered or to inform it about special circumstances which may impact your eligibility for aid.
- **REMEMBER, DO NOT PAY TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR ATTEND A PRESENTATION GUARANTEEING FREE SCHOLARSHIPS!!!**
- Finally, **financial aid and scholarships must be reapplied for every year while in college**. Hence, many of the tips above should be followed and repeated every year throughout your college career.

DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT

HOW TO GET THE DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT

1. Talk to your school counselor to find your best fit college for dual enrollment.
2. Complete and submit the Dual Enrollment Grant application online at tn.gov/tsacstudentportal by the date for each semester as indicated.
3. Apply for and meet admissions criteria for dual enrollment for the eligible postsecondary institution where you will enroll.

AWARD AMOUNTS

Course	Grant Amount
1st Course	Up to $500
2nd Course	Up to $500
3rd Course	Up to $200
4th Course	No award
5th through 8th course*	Up to $100 per credit hour

You can also earn up to $100 per clock hour for dual enrollment courses at a TCAT.

**Subject to one-time HOPE Scholarship reduction*

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions	Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs)
Fall Semester - September 15	Fall Trimester - November 1
Spring Semester - February 1	Spring Trimester - March 1
Summer Semester - May 15	Summer Trimester - May 15

Three reasons to consider dual enrollment:

1. Getting early college credit can help you save money in college and graduate even faster!
2. The State of Tennessee can help you cover the cost of dual enrollment through grants.
3. There are a lot of dual enrollment course options for students across Tennessee.

TENNESSEE PROMISE

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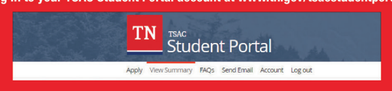
Students from the Class of 2020 must satisfy the following requirements and deadlines to become TN Promise eligible.

Want to check on your financial aid?
Log in to your TSAC Student Portal account at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal.



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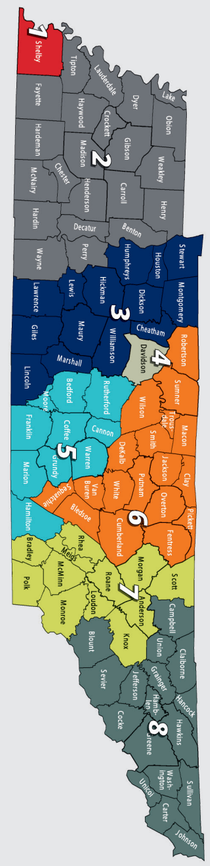

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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Academic requirement: 21 ACT/SAT equivalent or 3.0 final GPA*

HOPE semester amounts based upon full-time enrollment

2-year college	4-year college freshmen/sophomores	4-year college juniors/seniors
$1,500	$1,750	$2,250

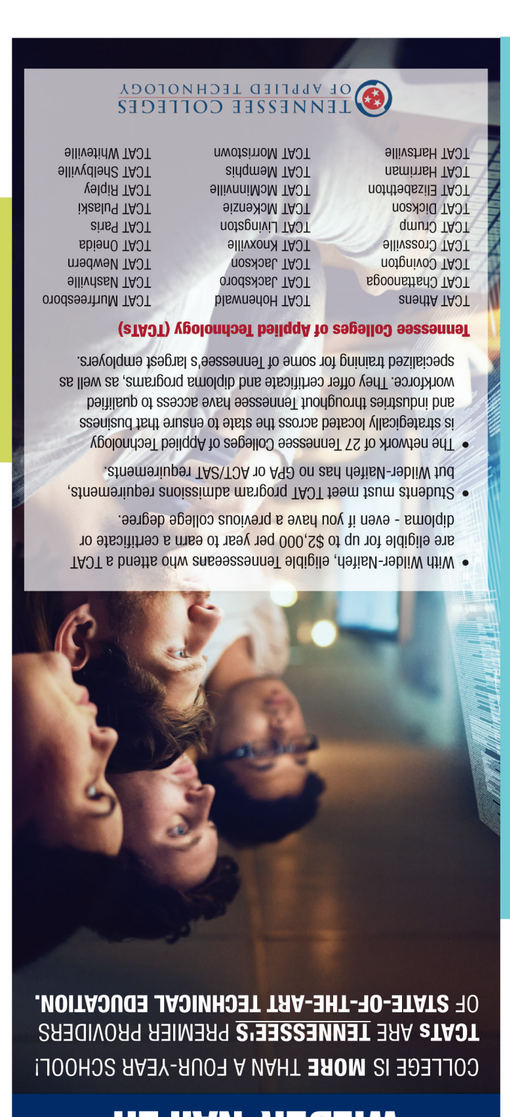
*Home school/HISET students must achieve ACT or SAT score and satisfy additional requirements. See inside brochure or visit tn.gov/collegepays.

- **Q: Can I receive the HOPE Scholarship at an out-of-state college?**
  A: No. The HOPE Scholarship must be used at a postsecondary institution in Tennessee. For a list of eligible institutions visit tn.gov/collegepays.
- **Q: How is my high school GPA for the HOPE Scholarship calculated?**
  A: HOPE GPA's are calculated per the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the TN State Board of Education. For further details please ask your high school counselor.
- **Q: May I take a gap year after high school and remain eligible for HOPE?**
  A: Yes, however, students must enroll at a regionally accredited college within 16 months of high school graduation.
- **Q: Is the FAFSA the only way to apply for the HOPE Scholarship?**
  A: Yes, and it must be submitted every year the student enrolls in college.
- **Q: If I lose HOPE in college due to grades, can I regain it?**
  A: Yes, students may regain the award one time at a future 24 hour benchmark if lost due to grades. Please contact your financial aid office to discuss one time repeat and regain options.
- **Q: If I decide to take a semester off, how will my award be impacted?**
  A: Unless a leave of absence has been approved by your financial aid office, you will permanently lose your HOPE scholarship.
- **Q: How will my HOPE eligibility be affected if I decide to drop a course or two?**
  A: Speak to your financial aid office before dropping any classes as this could cause permanent loss of HOPE and other aid.

WILDER-NAIFEH

COLLEGE IS **MORE** THAN A FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL!

TCATS ARE **TENNESSEE'S** PREMIER PROVIDERS OF **STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**



- With Wilder-Naifeh, eligible Tennesseeans who attend a TCAT are eligible for up to $2,000 per year to earn a certificate or diploma - even if you have a previous college degree.
- Students must meet TCAT program admissions requirements, but Wilder-Naifeh has no GPA or ACT/SAT requirements.
- The network of 27 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology is strategically located across the state to ensure that business and industries throughout Tennessee have access to qualified workforce. They offer certificate and diploma programs, as well as specialized training for some of Tennessee's largest employers.

Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs)

TCAT Athens	TCAT Hohenwald	TCAT Murfreesboro
TCAT Chattanooga	TCAT Jacksboro	TCAT Nashville
TCAT Covington	TCAT Jackson	TCAT Newbern
TCAT Crossville	TCAT Knoxville	TCAT Oneida
TCAT Crump	TCAT Livingston	TCAT Paris
TCAT Dickson	TCAT McKenzie	TCAT Pulaski
TCAT Elizabethton	TCAT McMinnville	TCAT Ripley
TCAT Harriman	TCAT Memphis	TCAT Shelbyville
TCAT Hartsville	TCAT Morristown	TCAT Whiteville

TENNESSEE COLLEGES OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

2020-2021 FAFSA

What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and it's the form that determines eligibility for federal loans, grants and work-study funds for college and graduate students. It's administered by the U.S. Department of Education, which is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. In Tennessee, we also use FAFSA to administer state aid. It's the application for the HOPE Scholarship and an important step in being eligible for TN Promise.

Who should fill it out?

Every college student in Tennessee should complete the FAFSA. Most traditional high school and college-aged students will use their parents' information on the FAFSA. To see if you need to provide parent information on the FAFSA, visit studentaid.ed.gov.

When does the FAFSA open?

The 2020-2021 FAFSA will be available on October 1, 2019 at fafsa.gov. The student and one parent will create FSA IDs to electronically sign the FAFSA and upload tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

What do I need to complete the FAFSA?

- Student's Social Security number
- Parent(s) Social Security number(s)
- Student's driver's license number, if you have one
- 2018 tax information for student and parent(s)

Most parents/student will upload their 2018 tax information using IRS Data Retrieval Tool via FAFSA.

- Records of your untaxed income such as child support and veterans noneducation benefits for student and parent(s)
- Asset information such as checking and savings account balances, investments, business and farm assets

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Learn more about attending college and applying for financial aid.
Visit www.tnfafsafrenzy.gov

TNFAFSA FRENZY

FSA ID

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

What is the FSA ID?
The FSA ID is a username and password that you will use to log into certain U.S. Department of Education websites, and electronically sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Who should create a FSA ID?
The student AND parent will both need to create separate usernames and passwords at fsaid.ed.gov.

When should I create a FSA ID?
You can create a FSA ID at any time. You can create the FSA ID in real time as you complete the FAFSA. If you choose to create one before, we recommend you do so at least 3 days BEFORE filing the FAFSA or attending FAFSA completion event.

Do I need an email account to create a FSA ID?
Not necessarily, however, it is strongly encouraged to verify your email address and phone number when creating your FSA ID to retrieve access to your account if you forget your FSA ID.

Tips for Creating a FSA ID

- Enter your information accurately. Your information will be verified by the Social Security Administration and errors, especially with SSN, birthdate or name will cause delays.
- Please write down the information used to create a FSA ID. You will use your FSA ID for multiple purposes in the coming years so be sure you can remember the information you use when creating a FSA ID. Keep this information in a safe place such as with your tax information.
- Remember that an email address can only be linked with one FSA ID. Students and parents CANNOT use the same email address.
- Do not use your high school email account. Typically these will expire after graduation and you'll need to access your FSA ID for several years after high school.
- It is important to have access to your email and phone when creating a FSA ID. A secure code will be sent to both your email address and your cell phone. Entering this code will verify your email address and phone number and can be used if you forget your FSA ID username and/or password.

TENNESSEE RECONNECT

TENNESSEE Reconnect

Tennessee Reconnect is a last-dollar scholarship for adults to attend a community college tuition-free.

To be eligible for Tennessee Reconnect adults must:

- Not already have an associate or bachelor degree.
- Have been a Tennessee resident for at least one year.
- Complete the FAFSA and be determined as an independent student.
- Be admitted to an eligible institution, enroll in a degree or certificate program, and attend at least part time.
- Participate in a college success program.

Four easy steps to Reconnect:

1. ☐ **Complete** — **Complete the application at TNReconnect.gov.** Complete the scholarship application and review your results from the Tennessee Reconnect Success Plan.
2. ☐ **Apply** — **Apply to your local community college or eligible Tennessee Reconnect institution.**
3. ☐ **File** — **File the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov.** Contact your local community college or Tennessee Reconnect Community if you need assistance with the FAFSA.
4. ☐ **Enroll** — **Enroll in a degree or certificate program at least part time and launch your future.**

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For more information, visit www.TNRECONNECT.GOV

TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION PROGRAMS

	PROGRAMS	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	AWARD FACTS	HOW TO APPLY
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	HOPE SCHOLARSHIP	Tennessee resident, for one (1) year prior to date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • Must be admitted to and enrolled in at least six (6) hours in a HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution **within 16 months of graduation** from an eligible high school, homeschool, or GED/HiSet program • Minimum 21 ACT (Concordant equivalent on the SAT) 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/HiSet students must have the minimum ACT/SAT test scores stated above and qualifying average score on the GED of 170 or average score on the HiSet of 15 • 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 one (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** Independent homeschool students must register with the local school district in which the student resides. *GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education (excludes Category 1, 2, and 3 secondary private schools)	**2-year college** Up to $1,500 per semester (fall, spring, summer) **4-year college freshmen/sophomores** Up to $1,750 per semester (fall, spring, summer) • **4-year college juniors/seniors-** Up to $2,250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) • Awards to part-time students are prorated • **Terminating Events**: Scholarship is terminated after the first of the following: 1)The student has earned a bachelor degree, 2) Five (5) years have passed from the date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution, or 3) The latter of 120 attempted semester hours or receipt of the award for eight (8) full-time equivalent semesters. Visit www.tn.gov/collegepays for terminating events for programs requiring more than 120 hours.	Submit the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1, 2019 at www.fafsa.gov • All students MUST apply by September 1, 2020 for the fall 2020 term or February 1, 2021 for the spring 2021 and summer 2021 terms • Early application recommended • Students must reapply each year in order to remain eligible
SUPPLEMENTAL	GENERAL ASSEMBLY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP	This is a supplement to the HOPE Scholarship; students must be HOPE eligible • Minimum 29 ACT (Concordant equivalent on the SAT) on a national or state test date **AND** 3.75 final 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** while enrolled in a home school program or ineligible high school complete at least twelve (12) college credit hours (minimum four (4) courses, excluding P.E.) and achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA, **OR** participate in a Governor's School program and achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA; **OR** take two (2) Advanced Placement exams and score at least three (3) OR take one (1) College-Level Examination Program test and score a minimum of 55 • **RENEWAL CRITERIA**: Same as HOPE Scholarship *GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education (excludes Category 1, 2, and 3 secondary private schools) ***NOTE**: Students may receive either General Assembly Merit Scholarship (GAMS) or Aspire Award, but not both	Up to $500 per semester (fall, spring, summer) supplement to the HOPE Scholarship • Awards to part-time students are prorated	Same as HOPE Scholarship
SUPPLEMENTAL	ASPIRE AWARD	This is a supplement to the HOPE Scholarship; students must be HOPE eligible • 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 ***NOTE**: Students may receive either Aspire Award or GAMS, but not both	**2-year college** Up to $250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) **4 year college** Up to $750 per semester (fall, spring, summer) supplement to the HOPE Scholarship • Awards to part-time students are prorated	Same as HOPE Scholarship
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	HOPE ACCESS GRANT	Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • Must be admitted to and enrolled in at least six (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 (Concordant equivalent on the SAT) on a national or state test date **AND** 2.75 – 2.99 final 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** *GPA is based on the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education (excludes Category 1, 2, and 3 secondary private schools)	**2-year college** Up to $875 per semester (fall, spring, or summer) **4-year college** Up to $1,250 per semester (fall, spring, or summer) • Awards to part-time students are prorated • **For initial 24 attempted hours ONLY**	Same as HOPE Scholarship
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	WILDER-NAIFEH TECHNICAL SKILLS GRANT	Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • Available to all students who enroll in a Tennessee College of Applied Technology in a certificate or diploma program including prior HOPE Scholarship recipients • ***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*** • **RENEWAL CRITERIA**: Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress **AND** continuous enrollment at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology	Up to $2,000 per year • Awards to part-time students are prorated • Grant is terminated after earning a certificate or diploma	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
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	HOPE SCHOLARSHIP FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS	Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • 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 two (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 *Contact the financial aid office for more details	**4-year college freshmen/sophomores in a bachelor degree program** Up to $1,750 per semester (fall, spring, summer) **4-year college juniors/seniors in a bachelor degree program** Up to $2,250 per semester (fall, spring, summer) • **Terminating Events:** Scholarship is terminated after the first of the following: 1)The student has earned a bachelor degree, 2) Five (5) years have passed from the date of initial enrollment at any post-secondary institution, or 3) The latter of 120 attempted semester hours or receipt of the award for eight (8) full-time equivalent semesters. Visit www.tn.gov/collegepays for terminating events for programs requiring more than 120 hours; five (5) year and semester term limits include time and hours accumulated as a HOPE Non-Traditional student	Same as HOPE Scholarship
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT (DEG)/GOVERNOR'S INVESTMENT IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (GIVE)	Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • Students must be a junior or senior, as determined by the high school, 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 up to two (2) courses per semester • **RENEWAL CRITERIA:** Maintain 2.75 college GPA for all postsecondary courses attempted under the DEG/GIVE • Reapply each academic year • Additional information about this program is available at www.tn.gov/collegepays • Students receiving the DEG/GIVE are not eligible for the Middle College Scholarship concurrently	**DEG award information** See Dual Enrollment panel within brochure **GIVE award information** Program begins 2020-21; award amount will cover maintenance fees for up to the first four courses in high-need programs as determined by TSAC. **Students who receive a 5th – 8th DEG/GIVE award will be subject to a one-time HOPE Scholarship reduction on a dollar per dollar basis in the first semester of enrollment at an eligible Tennessee college.**	Application available at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal • 2-year and 4-year students must apply by September 15 for the fall, February 1 for the spring and May 15 for the summer • TCAT students must apply by November 1 for fall, March 1 for the spring and May 15 for the summer • Must reapply each academic year in order to remain eligible
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	TENNESSEE MIDDLE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP	Be classified as an in-state student under TBR rules • Have a minimum 3.0 GPA at end of high school sophomore year • Be enrolled full time in a public two-year postsecondary institution's middle college program in fall semester of high school junior year • **RENEWAL CRITERIA**: maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA at the end of each semester for all postsecondary courses attempted under program and remain enrolled full time • Students receiving the Middle College Scholarship are not eligible for the Dual Enrollment Grant concurrently	$1,000 per semester for full-time attendance (no part-time award). **Terminating Events**: Student may receive award until the first of the following: earning an associate degree or completing high school or two (2) years have passed from date of initial enrollment as a middle college student. Note: Following graduation from a middle college program, students may be eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship upon transferring to an eligible four-year postsecondary institution	Application will be available at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	HOPE FOSTER CHILD TUITION GRANT	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 one (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	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 for the type of institution attended	Same as HOPE Scholarship
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	HELPING HEROES GRANT	Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • 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 six (6) semester hours or more without a failing grade • Additional information about this program is available at www.tn.gov/collegepays	$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	Application available at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal • Awards made on a first-come, first-served basis
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP	Tennessee resident for one (1) year preceding the date of application and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • Complete Tennessee high school in accordance with the requirements of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and receive a high school diploma, occupational diploma, special education diploma, a transition certificate or an IEP certificate • Enroll in an individualized program of study of up to four (4) years at Lipscomb University, Union University, University of Memphis, Vanderbilt University, or University of Tennessee, Knoxville • **RENEWAL CRITERIA**: Maintain continuous enrollment and make satisfactory academic progress in the student's program of study as determined by the institution	**For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible school** Up to $1,750 per semester. **Terminating Events**: Scholarship is terminated once the student receives a credential signifying completion of the program or the period required to complete the program, as determined by the institution, has elapsed	Submit the STEP UP Scholarship application and the FAFSA by September 1 for the fall term or February 1 for the spring and May 1, for the summer • Early application recommended • Students must reapply each year in order to remain eligible
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	TENNESSEE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP	Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-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 TELS, TSAA, and PELL Grant have been first applied • Applicants must attend a mandatory meeting, perform eight (8) hours of community service prior to term, and participate in a mentoring program • College students must attend full time, continue to participate in the mentoring program, and perform eight (8) hours of community service prior to each term the award is received	Award amount varies based on amount of remaining tuition and mandatory fees after TELS, TSAA, and PELL Grant have first been applied • **Terminating Events**: Scholarship is terminated after the first of the following: 1) The student has earned a diploma or degree, **OR** 2) The student has attended an eligible postsecondary institution with Promise five (5) semesters or its equivalent; exceptions to the semester limit may be available for students with documented medical disabilities	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 2020-2021 FAFSA by February 1 at www.fafsa.gov
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	TCAT RECONNECT	Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application, U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen• Be an independent student as determined by the FAFSA • Enroll in a full-time program at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology • Be in pursuit of a certificate or diploma • Maintain continuous enrollment and satisfactory academic progress	Award amount varies based on amount of remaining tuition and mandatory fees after TELS, TSAA, and PELL Grant have first been applied • Scholarship is terminated after student earns a diploma or certificate **OR** no longer maintains continuous enrollment or satisfactory academic progress **OR** is no longer enrolled in a certificate or diploma program	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
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	TENNESSEE RECONNECT	Not have previously earned an associate or baccalaureate degree • Tennessee resident for one (1) year prior to date of application • Be an independent student as determined by the FAFSA • Be admitted to an eligible postsecondary institution • Be enrolled part time (at least six (6) hours per semester) in courses leading to completion of an eligible program of study • Participate in a college success program • **RENEWAL CRITERIA**: maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA at the end of each academic year; maintain continuous enrollment; complete the renewal FAFSA each year; attend at least six (6) hours per semester; participate in a college success program	Award amount varies based on amount of remaining tuition and mandatory fees after TELS, TSAA, and Pell Grant have first been applied. **Terminating Events**: Student may receive award until the first of the following: attained a degree or certificate in an eligible program of study **OR** five (5) years have passed from date of initial enrollment as a Tennessee Reconnect student	Submit FAFSA between October 1 – September 1 for fall term or February 1 for spring and summer terms • Student must also complete Tennessee Reconnect application at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD (TSAA)	Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • First priority is given to 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	**Private college** Up to $2,000 per semester; **4-year public and proprietary schools** Up to $1,000 per semester; **2-year public** Up to $650 per semester; **Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology** Up to $334 per trimester • Awards to part-time students are prorated • Maximum four (4) years eligibility	All applicants are required to submit the FAFSA by February 1 at www.fafsa.gov • Prior-year recipients (renewals) receive award if eligible and apply on or before February 1 • Based on funding availability • Awards are made until funds are depleted
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	NED MCWHERTER SCHOLARS PROGRAM	Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • Entering freshmen enrolled full-time at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution • Minimum 29 ACT (Concordant equivalent score on the SAT) 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**: 3.0 GPA, full-time enrollment, renewal application required	Up to $6,000 per academic year ($3,000 from the institution, $3,000 from TSAC) • Based on funding availability • Maximum four (4) years of undergraduate eligibility	Application available at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal • For consideration, completed application and high school transcript must be received by TSAC no later than February 15
GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	DEPENDENT CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen • 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	Award amount based on state funding and student's direct cost coordinated with other financial aid • Maximum four (4) years of undergraduate eligibility	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
LOAN FORGIVENESS	MINORITY TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM	Tennessee resident, and U.S. citizen • 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 (concordant equivalent score on the SAT) on a national or state test date • **RENEWAL CRITERIA**: 2.5 cumulative GPA, full-time enrollment, renewal application required	Up to $5,000 per academic year • Maximum four (4) years of undergraduate eligibility • Loan forgiveness has an employment obligation or award becomes a loan that must be repaid	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
LOAN FORGIVENESS	TN TEACHING SCHOLARS PROGRAM	Tennessee resident, and U.S. citizen • 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	Up to $5,000 per academic year • Maximum of four (4) years of eligibility • Loan forgiveness has an employment obligation or award becomes a loan that must be repaid	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
LOAN FORGIVENESS	TN MATH & SCIENCE TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	Tennessee resident for one (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 12 months	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 one (1) year in the subject area of math or science in a Tennessee public school for each year of funding received or award becomes a loan that must be repaid	Application available at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal • Must complete a promissory note for each academic year
LOAN FORGIVENESS	GRADUATE NURSING LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	Tennessee resident, and U.S. citizen • 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 four (4) years • Additional information about this program is available at www.tn.gov/collegepays	Up to $7,000 for full-time OR $3,500 for part-time enrollment, per academic year • Based on funding availability • Eligibility maximum four (4) years of full-time enrollment • Loan forgiveness has an employment obligation or award becomes a loan that must be repaid	Application available at www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal • For consideration, completed application must be received by TSAC no later than March 1

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