



What is a Legacy Student?

According to [T.C.A. § 49-6-2602](#), a Tennessee Education Savings (ESA) program **Legacy Student** is a participating student who:

- ✓ graduates from high school or exits the ESA program by reaching twenty-two (22) years of age,
- ✓ has funds remaining in the student's education savings account, and
- ✓ has an open education savings account.

A Legacy Student may use his or her **remaining ESA funds** at an eligible postsecondary institution. Funds will not be added to the account after graduation from high school or reaching twenty-two (22) years old, whichever occurs first, but Legacy Students will have access to the remaining balance upon graduation, if the above conditions are met.

A Legacy Student must submit proof of enrollment to the Tennessee Department of Education (department) by the established enrollment deadline in order to access funds each semester. Eligible postsecondary institutions are operated by:

- the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee;
- the board of regents of the state university and community college system; or
- a local governing board of trustees of a state university in Tennessee; or
- a private postsecondary institution accredited by an accrediting organization approved by the state board of education.

ESA funds can be used for the following:

- tuition fees at an eligible postsecondary institution;
- textbooks required by an eligible postsecondary institution;
- tutoring services provided by a tutor or tutoring facility that meets the requirements established by the department and State Board of Education;
- computer hardware, technological devices, or other department-approved technology fees
- fees for early postsecondary opportunity courses and examinations required for college admission;
- fees for transportation to and from a participating school or educational provider paid to a fee-for-service transportation provider;
- tuition and fees for summer education programs and specialized afterschool education programs, as approved by the department, which do not include afterschool childcare;
- educational therapy services provided by therapists that meet the requirements established by the department and the state board; or
- ESA management fees provided by a private or non-profit financial management organization approved by the department, not to exceed 2% of the ESA funds in a fiscal year.

Fees do not include room and board, food, or consumable school supplies.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2603(h), a Legacy Student's ESA will be closed, and any remaining funds must be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement formula (TISA) account of the education trust fund of 1992 under T.C.A. § 49-3-357 and T.C.A. § 49-3-358, after the first of the following events:

- Upon a Legacy Student's graduation from an eligible postsecondary institution.
- After four consecutive years elapse immediately after the Legacy Student enrolls in an eligible postsecondary institution.
- The Legacy Student is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution for 12 back-to-back months.
- A participating student or Legacy Student exits the program and is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution.
- After a participating or Legacy Student reaches 22 years of age and is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution.

Please contact the ESA team with additional questions at ESA.Questions@tn.gov, leave a message at 615-741-9360, or see the [ESA website](#) for guidance. A list of eligible postsecondary schools is provided below for your convenience.

Tennessee Board of Regents Institutions

Chattanooga State Community College	Chattanooga, TN
Cleveland State Community College	Cleveland, TN
Columbia State Community College	Columbia, TN
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyersburg, TN
Jackson State Community College	Jackson, TN
Motlow State Community College	Tullahoma, TN
Nashville State Community College	Nashville, TN
Northeast State Community College	Blountville, TN
Pellissippi State Community College	Knoxville, TN
Roane State Community College	Harriman, TN
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Memphis, TN
Volunteer State Community College	Gallatin, TN
Walters State Community College	Morristown, TN
TCAT Athens	Athens, TN
TCAT Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN
TCAT Crossville	Crossville, TN

TCAT Crump	Crump, TN
TCAT Dickson	Dickson, TN
TCAT Elizabethton	Elizabethton, TN
TCAT Harriman	Harriman, TN
TCAT Hartsville	Hartsville, TN
TCAT Henry Carroll	Paris, TN
TCAT Hohenwald	Hohenwald, TN
TCAT Jacksboro	Jacksboro, TN
TCAT Jackson	Jackson, TN
TCAT Knoxville	Knoxville, TN
TCAT Livingston	Livingston, TN
TCAT McKenzie	McKenzie, TN
TCAT McMinnville	McMinnville, TN
TCAT Memphis	Memphis, TN
TCAT Morristown	Morristown, TN
TCAT Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro, TN
TCAT Nashville	Nashville, TN
TCAT Northwest	Newbern, TN
TCAT Oneida	Oneida, TN
TCAT Pulaski	Pulaski, TN
TCAT Shelbyville	Shelbyville, TN
TCAT Whiteville	Whiteville, TN

Locally Governed Institutions

Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City, TN
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro, TN
Tennessee State University	Nashville, TN
Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville, TN

The University of Memphis

Memphis, TN

Schools in University of Tennessee System

University of Tennessee Knoxville	Knoxville, TN
University of Tennessee Chattanooga	Chattanooga, TN
University of Tennessee Southern	Pulaski, TN
University of Tennessee Martin	Martin, TN
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	Memphis, TN
University of Tennessee Space Institute	Tullahoma, TN
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture	Knoxville, TN
Institute for Public Service	Knoxville, TN

Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association

WEST TENNESSEE

Baptist Health Sciences University	Memphis, TN
Bethel University	McKenzie, TN
Christian Brothers University	Memphis, TN
Crichton College	Memphis, TN
Freed-Hardeman University	Henderson, TN
Hiwassee College	Madisonville, TN
Lambuth College	Jackson, TN
Lane College	Jackson, TN
LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis, TN
Memphis College of Art	Memphis, TN
Rhodes College	Memphis, TN
Southern College of Optometry	Memphis, TN
Union University	Jackson, TN
William R. Moore College of Technology	Memphis, TN

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

American Baptist College*	
Aquinas College	Nashville, TN
Belmont University	Nashville, TN
Cumberland University	Lebanon, TN
Fisk University	Nashville, TN
Free Will Baptist Bible College	Nashville, TN
John A. Gupton College	Nashville, TN
Lipscomb University	Nashville, TN
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski, TN
Meharry Medical College	Nashville, TN
Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia	Madison, TN
The University of the South	Sewanee, TN
Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville, TN
Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
Welch College	Gallatin, TN
Williamson Christian College	Franklin, TN

EAST TENNESSEE

Bryan College	Dayton, TN
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City, TN
Johnson University	Knoxville, TN
King University	Bristol, TN
Lee University	Cleveland, TN
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, TN
Maryville College	Maryville, TN
Milligan University	Milligan, TN
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale, TN
Tennessee Wesleyan University	Athens, TN
Tusculum University	Greeneville, TN

Other Independent Professional Schools and Special Purpose Institutions

American Baptist College	Nashville, TN
Church of God Theological Seminary	Cleveland, TN
Emmanuel School of Religion	Johnson City, TN
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary	Germantown, TN
Nashville School of Law	Nashville, TN
Tennessee Temple University	Chattanooga, TN

*Please note- this list was updated on 9/2023. Please check the most recent list [here](#).