



Requirements of Tennessee Promise

November 1

Apply to Tennessee Promise at www.TNPromise.gov

February 1

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov

In the Spring

Partnering organizations will host mandatory meetings for students.

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Apply to and register for classes at a community or technical college (Your partnering organization may recommend applying by February 15)

July 1

Complete 8 hours of community service. Partnering organizations will provide guidelines and verify service hours.

Summer

If selected for FAFSA verification, provide the necessary documentation to your institution.

What is Tennessee Promise?



Tennessee Promise offers up to two and a half years of tuition-free community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates. The program provides eligible students a last-dollar scholarship, which covers tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell grant, TELS, and TSAA. Students will also be assigned a mentor who will provide guidance and assistance as the student enters higher education. Students must participate with a partnering organization to access Tennessee Promise dollars.

Who is eligible for Tennessee Promise?

To be eligible to receive a Tennessee Promise Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a Tennessee resident
- Graduate from an eligible Tennessee high school, complete a Tennessee home school program, or, prior to reaching 19 years of age, obtain a GED or HiSET diploma
- Complete the Tennessee Promise application at www.TNPromise.gov by November 1
- Apply to and enroll full-time in a community college, college of applied technology, or eligible program the fall after graduation from high school
- Meet all deadlines and requirements before enrolling

What are the service requirements?

Community service is an important component of Tennessee Promise. A student participating in the program must perform a minimum of eight hours of community service prior to each semester. The deadline for the fall semester is July 1, spring semester is December 1, and summer semester is May 1. Partnering organizations must approve community service activities in advance.

Any service performed by a student which benefits the community may be counted, except:

- Community service performed prior to high school graduation
- Work resulting in payment or remuneration of any kind
- Work directly benefiting family members.

How are funds distributed?

Students will never directly receive cash from Tennessee Promise. Once Pell, TELS, and TSAA have been applied, scholarship funds covering the remaining costs of tuition and mandatory fees will be sent directly to institutions for students who have met all eligibility requirements.