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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Eligible Postsecondary Institutions

FROM: Dr. Emily House, Executive Director

DATE: January 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Deadline Extensions

We hope that you and your families continue to remain safe and healthy. We continue to be grateful for all that you do to serve your students despite the many current, extraordinary challenges.

We have continued to monitor the impact from COVID-19 on our state to determine whether new deadlines should be established for many of our programs. Due to conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe many students will have a difficult time completing program requirements by the established deadlines.

Therefore, I am taking the following actions by:

- extending the 2020-2021 FAFSA deadline for the Tennessee Reconnect Grant Program from February 1, 2021 to May 15, 2021;
- extending the Dual Enrollment Grant application deadline for the spring 2021 term at two- and four-year institutions from February 1, 2021 to May 15, 2021;
- extending the Dual Enrollment Grant application deadline for the spring 2021 term at TCATs from March 1, 2021 to May 15, 2021; and
- waiving the community service requirement for Tennessee Promise Scholarship eligibility in the summer term of 2021.

We will continue to work closely with our partners to evaluate any further modifications to program requirements and ensure that all students are notified of these changes. Please contact Darolyn Porter at [Darolyn.Porter@tn.gov](mailto:Darolyn.Porter@tn.gov) if you have questions regarding this guidance.