

## **A G E N D A**

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Conference Line Participation  
**February 25, 2021**  
2:00 PM (CST)

**Welcome & Roll Call**

**Necessity for Telephonic Participation**

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Board Meeting**

**Chairman's Report**

**Executive Director's Report**

### **I. Decision Items**

- A. Adoption of High-Need Dual Enrollment Courses and Programs
- B. Adoption of Rules – Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship

### **II. Other Business**

## MINUTES

### TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

2:00 PM CDT (REMOTE)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Niknejad at 2:00 pm. Board members present:

Chairman Tony Niknejad	Commissioner Penny Schwinn
Mike Krause	Linda Martin (for Pres. Boyd)
Claude Pressnell	Cyrus Vatandoost
Kristina Podesta (for Comptroller Wilson)	John Smarrelli
Ashley Nabors (for Treasurer Lillard)	Sharon Hayes
Greg Turner (for Commissioner McWhorter)	
Heidi Leming (for Chancellor Tydings)	

Chairman Niknejad asked for a motion to approve a virtual meeting as authorized under Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order 16. A motion was made by Claude Pressnell and a second was given by Dr. Linda Martin.

Chairman Tony Niknejad - aye	Commissioner Penny Schwinn - aye
Claude Pressnell - aye	Linda Martin (for Pres. Boyd) - aye
Kristina Podesta (for Comptroller Wilson) - aye	Cyrus Vatandoost - aye
Ashley Nabors (for Treasurer Lillard) - aye	John Smarrelli - aye
Greg Turner (for Commissioner McWhorter) - aye	Sharon Hayes - aye
Heidi Leming (for Chancellor Tydings) - aye	

#### **Motion to adoption of agenda**

Chairman Niknejad then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ashley Nabors made the motion and Claude Pressnell seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tony Niknejad - aye	Commissioner Penny Schwinn - aye
Claude Pressnell - aye	Linda Martin (for Pres. Boyd) - aye
Kristina Podesta (for Comptroller Wilson) - aye	Cyrus Vatandoost - aye
Ashley Nabors (for Treasurer Lillard) - aye	John Smarrelli - aye
Greg Turner (for Commissioner McWhorter) - aye	Sharon Hayes - aye
Heidi Leming (for Chancellor Tydings) - aye	

### **Approval of minutes**

Chairman Niknejad asked for a motion to approve minutes from the January 9, 2020 board meeting. Sharon Hayes made a motion to approve minutes and John Smarrelli seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tony Niknejad - aye	Commissioner Penny Schwinn - aye
Claude Pressnell - aye	Linda Martin (for Pres. Boyd) - aye
Kristina Podesta (for Comptroller Wilson) - aye	Cyrus Vatandoost - aye
Ashley Nabors (for Treasurer Lillard) - aye	John Smarrelli - aye
Greg Turner (for Commissioner McWhorter) - aye	Sharon Hayes - aye
Heidi Leming (for Chancellor Tydings) - aye	

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Nicknejad did not have anything to report.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Director Krause provided an update on the GIVE Act which made substantial changes to various financial aid programs. He also referenced legislation that allowed the executive director of TSAC to waive or modify financial aid statutes and rules in light of the extraordinary circumstances facing students and institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the changes already issued by TSAC was waiving the TN Promise summer term community service requirement, due on July 1. Mr. Krause also provided a brief update on TN Promise endowment earnings trending downward since the early stages of COVID-19, however there are sufficient earnings and lottery transfers in the current year to adequately fund the TN Promise scholarships. TSAC is assessing the TN

Reconnect Program to determine whether changes might need to be made in future years should lottery revenues continue to decline.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

### **A. SELECTION OF 2020-21 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chairman Nicknejad introduced Peter Abernathy to give an update on the selection of the 2020-21 officers and committee members. Mr. Abernathy noted the current slate of officers and committee members and recommended passage of these names for continuation in the same positions in the new year. Seeing no questions Chairman Nicknejad asked for a motion, Commissioner Penny Schwinn made a motion and Cyrus Vantandoost seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tony Niknejad - aye	Commissioner Penny Schwinn - aye
Claude Pressnell - aye	Linda Martin (for Pres. Boyd) - aye
Kristina Podesta (for Comptroller Wilson) - aye	Cyrus Vantandoost - aye
Ashley Nabors (for Treasurer Lillard) - aye	John Smarrelli - aye
Greg Turner (for Commissioner McWhorter) - aye	Sharon Hayes - aye
Heidi Leming (for Chancellor Tydings) - aye	

### **B. ADOPTION OF HIGH NEED DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES AND PROGRAMS**

Chairman Nicknejad introduced Peter Abernathy to present the recommendation for the dual enrollment courses and programs awarded under the GIVE Act of 2019. Mr. Abernathy introduced the recommendation by stating that TSAC and THEC staff have worked closely with the Department of Education, Department of Labor, and the Tennessee Board of Regents to derive a list of courses and programs that fall within the Act's directive to focus on high-need, technical subject areas. Mr. Abernathy then asked Ms. Amanda Klafehn of THEC to provide a more detailed summary of the selection methodology.

Seeing no questions Chairman Nicknejad asked for a motion, Mrs. Sharon Hayes made a motion and Heidi Leming seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.



## **DECISION ITEM I.A.**

### **GIVE Dual Enrollment Grants - Program Selection for 2021-2022**

The Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) Act provides high school students up to four free dual enrollment courses in high-need programs. The TSAC Board annually identifies the programs that lead to in-demand, high-skill employment for inclusion in the GIVE dual enrollment grant program.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, THEC/TSAC, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), and Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) worked to bring in-demand occupation lists into complete alignment. These three agencies jointly identified in-demand occupations for all nine Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs), as well as a statewide demand list. This collaboration created one, uniform in-demand occupation list for consideration by the TSAC Board and staff.

Given that GIVE DEG is a statewide program, THEC/TSAC identified occupations that were in-demand in at least five of the nine LWDAs. THEC/TSAC matched the 54 occupations meeting this criteria against the Tennessee Board of Regent's (TBR) Academic Program Inventory (API) to assess which certificate, diploma, and associate degree programs were offered. Those programs which were both GIVE eligible and offered at a TBR institution were included in the final GIVE programs list.

This GIVE programs list has been reviewed by TBR. As part of this review process, TBR was able to provide feedback, including possible additional program inclusions. Through this special review process, THEC/TSAC added one program, community college Mechatronics (CIP 15.04).

We estimate up to 8,000 students in programs or courses related to 32 academic programs at Tennessee's community colleges and Colleges of Applied Technology (TCAT) would be eligible for additional scholarship funds through GIVE DEG in 2021-22.<sup>1,2</sup> Dual enrollment remains one of the fastest-growing financial aid programs in the state. With this in mind, we anticipate continued growth in student take-up of dual enrollment in these courses and programs. Ultimately, this proposal is expected to cost between \$2.7 and \$3.5 million in 2021-22.

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<sup>1</sup> 2018-19 participation data was used to derive these estimates due to potential oddities in the 2019-20 DEG enrollment data caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Using this data, we estimate approximately 6,400 students could be eligible for GIVE DEG. We apply a growth rate of 25% over this period to account for additional take-up.

<sup>2</sup> Early data from fall 2020 indicate that few students took up GIVE DEG this year (approximately 1,100). There are several factors that impact DEG participation this fall, including the COVID-19 pandemic. THEC/TSAC and TBR have been working closely over the past several months to improve awareness and kickstart a communications campaign for this upcoming cycle to improve student and school awareness of the program and offerings. We expect participation to increase in coming years.



Recommended GIVE Programs	
Four Digit CIP	Program Name
1.01	Agricultural Business and Management
1.06	Applied Horticulture and Horticultural Business Services
11.01	Computer and Information Sciences, General
11.02	Computer Programming
11.04	Information Science/Studies
11.08	Computer Software and Media Applications
11.09	Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications
11.10	Computer/Information Technology Administration and Management
12.05	Culinary Arts and Related Services
15.04	Electromechanical Instrumentation and Maintenance Technologies/Technicians <b>(CC Mechatronics)</b>
15.05	Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians
15.06	Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians
15.10	Construction Engineering Technologies
19.07	Human Development, Family Studies, and Related Services
43.01	Criminal Justice and Corrections
46.02	Carpenters
46.03	Electrical and Power Transmission Installers
46.04	Building/Construction Finishing, Management, and Inspection
46.05	Plumbing and Related Water Supply Services
47.02	Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician (HAC, HACR, HVAC, HVACR)
47.03	Heavy/Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technologies (TCAT Mechatronics)
47.06	Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Technologies
48.05	Precision Metal Working (welding)
51.07	Health and Medical Administrative Services
51.08	Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services
51.10	Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science and Allied Professions
52.02	Business Administration, Management and Operations
52.03	Accounting and Related Services
52.04	Business Operations Support and Assistant Services
52.08	Finance and Financial Management Services
52.09	Hospitality Administration/Management
52.18	General Sales, Merchandising and Related Marketing Operations

Notes: There are a total of 578 six-digit academic programs, at the certificate, diploma, and associate degree level, within these 32 four-digit CIP code groupings. Some four-digit CIP code groupings from the 2020-21 DEG eligible list did not make the in-demand list this year, including: 51.09 Allied Health, 51.39 Practical Nursing, and 15.12 Computer Engineering.

## Program List

Fourdigitcip	Sixdigitcip	Program Name	institutionname_cleaned	Award
01.01	01.01.02	Agribusiness	Cleveland State	Certificate
	01.01.04	Farming Operations Technology	TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
01.06	01.06.01	Horticulture	Walters State	Certificate
		Landscape & Turf Management	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
	01.06.03	Production Horticulture	Walters State	AAS
	01.06.05	Landscape Management	Walters State	Certificate
11.01	11.01.03	Ccna Routing And Switching	Jackson State	Certificate
		Computer Information Technology	Chattanooga State	AAS
			Cleveland State	AAS
			Columbia State	AAS
			Dyersburg State	AAS
			Jackson State	AAS
			Motlow State	AAS
			Nashville State	AAS
			Northeast State	AAS
			Pellissippi State	AAS
			Roane State	AAS
				Certificate
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
			Volunteer State	AAS
			Walters State	AAS
		Computer Programming	Nashville State	Certificate
		Cyber Defense	Cleveland State	Certificate
		Cyber Security	Columbia State	Certificate
		Information Systems Fundamentals	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Information Technology	TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
		It Technician	Dyersburg State	Certificate
		Network Computer Technician	Jackson State	Certificate
		Systems Administration And Manageme..	Cleveland State	Certificate
		Web Design And Mobile Technologies	Columbia State	Certificate
11.02	11.02.01	Programming	Jackson State	Certificate
	11.02.02	Computer Software Specialist	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
11.04	11.04.01	Computer Systems Operations Mainten..	Dyersburg State	Certificate
11.08	11.08.01	Accessible Web Design And Compliance	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		E-commerce Web Design	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Web Design	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Web Design Tools	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Web Page Authoring	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
		Web Programming	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Web Technology	Southwest Tennessee	AAS
11.09	11.09.01	A+/network+certification Preparation	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Computer Electronics	TCAT-Athens	Diploma

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11.09	11.09.01	Computer Networking	Columbia State	Certificate
		Computer Operating Systems And Netw..	TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
		Information Technology Systems	TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma
		Management	TCAT-Paris	Diploma
		Networking	Cleveland State	Certificate
		Pc And Networking Technician	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
11.10	11.10.02	Information Technology And Infrastructure Management	TCAT-Memphis	Certificate
				Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
	11.10.03	Information Technology And Infrastruct..	TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			Cyber Secuirty Technician	Certificate
			Information Security	Certificate
	11.10.06	Computer Information Technology	TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Ripley	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
12.05	12.05.00	General Culinary Arts	Pellissippi State	Certificate
	12.05.03	Culinary Arts	Nashville State	AAS
				Certificate
			Pellissippi State	AAS
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
15.04	15.04.03	Electromechanical Technology	Walters State	Certificate
			Cleveland State	AAS
			Pellissippi State	AAS
		Mechanical Systems	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Mechatronics	Dyersburg State	Certificate
			Nashville State	Certificate
			Roane State	Certificate
			Volunteer State	AAS
				Certificate

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15.04	15.04.03	Mechatronics Level 1	Cleveland State	Certificate
		Mechatronics Technology	Chattanooga State	AAS
			Cleveland State	AAS
			Motlow State	AAS
				Certificate
			Roane State	AAS
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
				Certificate
	15.04.06	Industrial Maintenance Manufacturing/ I..	TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
		Robotronics	Chattanooga State	Certificate
15.05	15.05.06	Water Quality Technology	Pellissippi State	AAS
15.06	15.06.12	Electrical & Instrumentation Systems	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Industrial Automation	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Industrial Technology	Northeast State	AAS
	15.06.13	Additive Manufacturing	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Advanced Manufacturing	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Advanced Manufacturing Education	TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
		Advanced Manufacturing Production Technology	TCAT-Crump	Certificate
			TCAT-Jackson	Certificate
		Advanced Manufacturing Production Technology - De	TCAT-Crump	Certificate
			TCAT-Dickson	Certificate
			TCAT-McKenzie	Certificate
		Advanced Manufacturing Production Tec..	TCAT-Murfreesboro	Certificate
		Advanced Manufacturing Technology	TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
		Automated Manufacturing	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Industrial Control Fundamentals	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
		Industrial Electrical And Instrumentatio..	Nashville State	Certificate
		Industrial Maintenance Mechanic	Nashville State	Certificate
		Industrial Process Control Technology	Nashville State	AAS
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
		Manufacturing Technology	Chattanooga State	Certificate
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Ripley	Diploma
		Process Operator	Nashville State	Certificate
	15.06.14	Advanced Gas Metal Arc Welding/flux Co..	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Advanced Gas Tungsten Arc Welding & Vi..	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Advanced Shielded Metal Arc & Visual Ins..	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Advanced Welding Automation	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Welding & Visual Inspection	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Welding Automation	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Welding Technology	Pellissippi State	AAS

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15.06	15.06.15	Chemical Engineering	Roane State	Certificate
		Chemical Engineering Technology	Roane State	AAS
		Chemical Operator	Chattanooga State	Certificate
	15.06.99	Production And Logistics Technology	TCAT-Crossville	Certificate
15.10	15.10.01	Civil And Construction Engineering Technology	Columbia State	AAS
			Nashville State	AAS
				Certificate
		Electrical Construction Management	Pellissippi State	AAS
19.07	19.07.06	Child Development	Dyersburg State	Certificate
		Early Childhood Education	Chattanooga State	AAS
				Certificate
			Cleveland State	AAS
				Certificate
			Dyersburg State	AAS
				Certificate
			Jackson State	Certificate
			Motlow State	AAS
				Certificate
			Nashville State	AAS
				Certificate
			Northeast State	AAS
				Certificate
			Pellissippi State	AAS
				Certificate
			Roane State	AAS
				Certificate
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
				Certificate
			Volunteer State	Certificate
			Walters State	AAS
				Certificate
	19.07.08	Early Childhood Administrator	Dyersburg State	Certificate
	19.07.09	Early Childhood Education	TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
	19.07.11	Infant Toddler	Dyersburg State	Certificate
43.01	43.01.02	Criminal Justice: Correctional Officer	TCAT-Elizabethton	Certificate
			TCAT-Oneida	Certificate
	43.01.04	Criminal Justice	Chattanooga State	AAS
			Columbia State	AAS
			Dyersburg State	AAS
			Jackson State	AAS
			Northeast State	AAS
			Pellissippi State	AAS
			Roane State	AAS
			Volunteer State	AAS

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43.01	43.01.04	Criminal Justice	Walters State	AAS
		Criminal Justice Studies	Southwest Tennessee	AAS
	43.01.07	Basic Law Enforcement Officer Educ	Walters State	Certificate
		Corrections And Law Enforcement	Dyersburg State	Certificate
		Criminal Justice	Volunteer State	Certificate
		Law Enforcement	Cleveland State	AAS
			Nashville State	AAS
				Certificate
			Walters State	AAS
		Law Enforcement Training	Cleveland State	Certificate
	43.01.99	Criminal Justice Corrections And Law Enf..	Jackson State	Certificate
46.02	46.02.01	Carpenters & Millwrights App	TCAT-Chattanooga	Certificate
46.03	46.03.01	Industrial Electricity	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
		Power Line Construction And Maintenance	TCAT-Livingston	Certificate
			TCAT-Oneida	Certificate
	46.03.02	Construction Electricity	Northeast State	Certificate
		Electrical Apprenticeship Training	TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
		Electrician Apprenticeship	TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
		Electricity Ibew	TCAT-Chattanooga	Certificate
		Industrial Elect Maintenance	Nashville State	Certificate
		Industrial Electricity	TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
			TCAT-Ripley	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
	46.04.01	Residential Building Maintenance	TCAT-Paris	Diploma
	46.04.15	Building And Electrical Technology	TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
		Building Construction Technology	TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
		Building Electrical Technology	TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
		Electrical & Plumbing Construction	TCAT-Crump	Diploma

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46.04	46.04.15	Technology	TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
46.05	46.05.01	Plumbers Pipe Fitters	TCAT-Chattanooga	Certificate
	46.05.02	Pipefitting And Plumbing Technology	TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
	46.05.03	Pipefitting And Plumbing	TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
47.02	47.02.01	Heating, Air Conditioning, And Refrigeration	TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
		Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Technology	TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
		Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, And Refrigeration	TCAT- Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma
			TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
		Heating, Ventilation, And Air Conditionin..	TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
		Heating,ventilation, Air Conditioning, An..	TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
		Heating,ventilation,air Condit	Northeast State	Certificate
		Hvacr Technician	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
47.03	47.03.02	Heavy Equipment Technology	TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
		Road Building Systems Technician	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
	47.03.03	Certified Production Technician	Dyersburg State	Certificate
		Drone Technology - Unmanned Aerial Veh..	TCAT-Chattanooga	Certificate
		Electro-mechanical Technology	TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
		Industrial Electrical	TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
		Maintenance-mechatronics	TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance	TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance And Electrical Sy..	TCAT-Crossville	Diploma

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47.03	47.03.03	Industrial Maintenance Automation	TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance General	TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance Ims	TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance Integrated Automation	TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma
			TCAT-Paris	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance Integrated Auto..	TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance Repair	TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance Technology	TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance-mechatronics	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance/mechatronics	TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
		Industrial Maintenance/mechtronics (hy..	TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
		Industrial Motion Control Technology	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
		Mechanical Maintenance Electrical And I.. Mechatronics	TCAT-Athens	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
		Millwright Skills	TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
47.06	47.06.03	Auto Body Service Technology	Northeast State	Certificate
		Collision Repair Technology	TCAT-Athens	Diploma
			TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Paris	Diploma
	47.06.04	Automotive Service	Northeast State	Certificate
		Automotive Service Technology	Southwest Tennessee	AAS
		Automotive Technology	TCAT-Athens	Diploma
			TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
			TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma

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47.06	47.06.04	Automotive Technology	TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma
			TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
	47.06.05	Diesel Equipment Technology	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
		Diesel Powered Equipment Technology	TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
		Diesel Technology	TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
		Diesel-powered Equipment Technology	TCAT-Crump	Diploma
	47.06.06	Outdoor Power Equipment	TCAT-Paris	Diploma
	47.06.07	Aviation Maintenance Technology	TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
	47.06.08	Aviation Maintenance Technology	Northeast State	Certificate
		Aviation Technology	Northeast State	AAS
	47.06.09	Avionics Maintenance Technology	TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
	47.06.11	Motorcycle & Marine Service Technology	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
		Motorcycle And Atv Repair	TCAT-Paris	Diploma
		Power Sports Technology	TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
	47.06.14	Hybrid Electrical Vehicle Technology	TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
48.05	48.05.01	Advanced Machining	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
		Cnc Machining Technology	TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
		Machine Tool Technology	TCAT-Athens	Diploma

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Fourdigitcip	Sixdigitcip	Program Name	institutionname_cleaned	Award
48.05	48.05.01	Machine Tool Technology	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
			TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma
			TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Paris	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
48.05.03		Machine Tool Operations	Northeast State	Certificate
		Machining Fundamentals	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
48.05.07		Tool & Die Machining	TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
48.05.08		Combination Welding	Northeast State	Certificate
		Welding Basic Entry Level	Cleveland State	Certificate
		Welding Technology	TCAT-Athens	Diploma
			TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
			TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma

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48.05	48.05.08	Welding Technology	TCAT-McMinnville	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Newbern	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Paris	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
51.07	48.05.09	Ironworkers Apprenticeship	TCAT-Chattanooga	Certificate
	48.05.10	Cnc Operator	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
		Computer Numeric Control	TCAT-Chattanooga	Certificate
	51.07.01	Healthcare Management	Nashville State	AAS
			Dyersburg State	Certificate
			Pellissippi State	Certificate
			Dyersburg State	AAS
			Volunteer State	AAS
			Walters State	AAS
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Paris	Diploma
			TCAT-Ripley	Diploma
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
			Chattanooga State	AAS
			Roane State	AAS
			Dyersburg State	Certificate
			Nashville State	Certificate
			Volunteer State	Certificate
			Walters State	Certificate
	51.07.10	Medical Office Information Technology	TCAT-Knoxville	Certificate
	51.07.12	Medical Office Procedures	Chattanooga State	Certificate
	51.07.13	Medical Coding Technology	Jackson State	Certificate
		Medical Insurance Coding & Reimbursemen..	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Medical Insurance Specialist	Walters State	Certificate
51.08	51.08.01	Healthcare Technician	Dyersburg State	Certificate
			Jackson State	Certificate
		Medical Assisting	Cleveland State	AAS
			TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			Volunteer State	AAS
		Medical Office Assistant	TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
		Patient Care Technology/medical	TCAT-Hartsville	Certificate

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51.08	51.08.01	Patient Care Technology/medical Assisting	TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
			TCAT-Ripley	Certificate
			TCAT-Whiteville	Diploma
	51.08.03	Occupational Therapy Assist	Nashville State	AAS
		Occupational Therapy Assistant	Jackson State	AAS
			Walters State	AAS
		Occupational Therapy Asst.	Roane State	AAS
	51.08.05	Advanced Pharmacy Technology	Chattanooga State	Certificate
			Roane State	Certificate
			Walters State	Certificate
		Entry-level Pharmacy Technology	Walters State	Certificate
		Pharmacy Technology	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
			TCAT-Athens	Diploma
			TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Certificate
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
	51.08.06	Physical Therapist Assistant	Chattanooga State	AAS
			Jackson State	AAS
			Roane State	AAS
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
			Volunteer State	AAS
			Walters State	AAS
	51.08.09	Anesthesia Technology	Columbia State	AAS
51.10	51.10.01	Laboratory Phlebotomy Tech	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
	51.10.04	Medical Lab Technician	Southwest Tennessee	AAS
		Medical Lab Technology	Columbia State	AAS
		Medical Laboratory Technician	Jackson State	AAS
		Medical Laboratory Technology	Motlow State	AAS
			Northeast State	AAS
			Roane State	AAS
			Volunteer State	AAS
	51.10.09	Phlebotomy Technology	TCAT-Elizabethton	Certificate
	51.10.12	Central Processing Technology	Nashville State	Certificate
		Central Sterile Processing Technology	TCAT-Murfreesboro	Certificate
	51.10.99	Polysomnography Technology	Roane State	Certificate
52.02	52.02.01	Accounting	Cleveland State	Certificate
		Business	Chattanooga State	AAS

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52.02	52.02.01	Business	Cleveland State	AAS
			Columbia State	AAS
				Certificate
			Dyersburg State	AAS
			Jackson State	AAS
			Motlow State	AAS
			Nashville State	AAS
			Northeast State	AAS
			Pellissippi State	AAS
			Roane State	AAS
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
			Volunteer State	AAS
			Walters State	AAS
			Business And Management	Certificate
			Computer Business Applications	Certificate
			Customer Service	Certificate
				Certificate
			Mid-management	Southwest Tennessee
	52.02.03	Global Logistics And Supply Chain Techn..	TCAT-McMinnville	Certificate
		Logistics	Nashville State	Certificate
		Logistics & Supply Chain Mgmt	Volunteer State	Certificate
		Supply Chain	Nashville State	Certificate
		Supply Chain Management	Motlow State	Certificate
		Transportation	Nashville State	Certificate
		Transportation, Distribution, Warehousi..	TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
	52.02.05	Operations Management	Chattanooga State	Certificate
		Supervision	Chattanooga State	Certificate
			Pellissippi State	Certificate
	52.02.07	Service	Chattanooga State	Certificate
	52.02.09	Logistic/transportation Mgmt	Southwest Tennessee	Certificate
	52.02.99	Contemporary Management	Roane State	AAS
52.03	52.03.02	Accounting	Nashville State	AAS
				Certificate
			Pellissippi State	AAS
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
				Certificate
			Accounting Specialist	Pellissippi State
			Accounting Technology	Northeast State
			Forensic Accounting	Southwest Tennessee
			Tax Preparer	Southwest Tennessee
52.04	52.04.01	Administrative Assistant	Nashville State	Certificate
		Administrative Professional Technology	Cleveland State	AAS
				Certificate
			Nashville State	AAS

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52.04	52.04.01	Administrative Professional Technology	Northeast State	AAS
			Pellissippi State	AAS
		Office Technology	Northeast State	Certificate
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
52.04	52.04.02	Administrative Office Professional	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
		Administrative Office Technology	TCAT-Athens	Diploma
			TCAT-Covington	Diploma
			TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
			TCAT-Elizabethton	Diploma
			TCAT-Harriman	Diploma
			TCAT-Hartsville	Diploma
			TCAT-Hohenwald	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
			TCAT-Knoxville	Diploma
			TCAT-Livingston	Diploma
			TCAT-McKenzie	Diploma
			TCAT-Memphis	Diploma
			TCAT-Morristown	Diploma
			TCAT-Murfreesboro	Diploma
			TCAT-Nashville	Diploma
			TCAT-Oneida	Diploma
			TCAT-Paris	Diploma
			TCAT-Pulaski	Diploma
			TCAT-Shelbyville	Diploma
		Administrative Office Technology-medic..	TCAT-Dickson	Diploma
	52.04.07	Computer Information Systems	TCAT-Crump	Diploma
			TCAT-Jackson	Diploma
		Computer Support Technician	TCAT-Chattanooga	Diploma
		Office Specalist	Dyersburg State	Certificate
		Office Systems Specialist	Chattanooga State	Certificate
	52.04.11	Customer Service Representative	TCAT-McMinnville	Certificate
52.08	52.08.03	Financial Services	Roane State	AAS
52.09	52.09.04	General Hospitality	Pellissippi State	Certificate
		Hospitality & Tourism Management	Columbia State	Certificate
		Hospitality And Tourism Management	Chattanooga State	AAS
		Hospitality Management	Nashville State	AAS
			Southwest Tennessee	AAS
		Retail, Hospitality And Tourism Technology	TCAT-Crossville	Diploma
			TCAT-Jacksboro	Diploma
		Retail, Hospitality, And Tourism	TCAT-Jackson	Diploma

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52.09	52.09.04	Technology	TCAT-Memphis	Certificate
52.18	52.18.03	Retail Management	Nashville State	Certificate
	52.18.04	Customer Service And Sales	Northeast State	Certificate

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## **Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation**

Thursday, February 25, 2020

### Summary of changes to Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Rules

**Section 1640-01-19-.01** replaces definitions with statute citations where such are provided for in code, adds definitions for Program of Study, and deletes obsolete definitions.

**Section 1640-01-19-.02** deletes repetitive references to statute regarding the establishment of financial aid program award amounts; provides clarification of eligibility under a program of study; deletes language repeated in statute; and clarifies eligibility for aid programs is not a guarantee for admission.

**Section 1640-01-19-.03** deletes various specific deadlines and allows TSAC ability to determine deadlines annually. Also provides Executive Director authority to adjust deadlines under extraordinary circumstances and when necessary to protect the public interest.

**Section 1640-01-19-.08** modifies language to reflect changes to the HOPE Access Grant in Public Acts of 2020, Chapter 794, FAST Act.

**Section 1640-01-19-.11** provides clarification that dual enrollment awards under GIVE are intended for eligible high-need coursework in AAS, certificate, and diploma programs.

Other changes have been made throughout the rules which are clarifying, typographical, or technical in nature, as well as changes to provide consistency with Public Acts of 2020, Chapter 794, the FAST Act.

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (TSAC)**

**CHAPTER 1640-01-19  
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**1640-01-19-.01 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) Academic requirement: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (2) Academic Year: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (3) ACT: The ACT Assessment ~~offered~~~~administered~~ by ACT, Inc., exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests.
- (4) Adjusted gross income attributable to the student: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (5) Alternative Study program: Program of study including, but not limited to student exchange programs, practicum, co-op programs and internships that includes travel outside the State of Tennessee that is sponsored or offered by:
  - (a) An eligible postsecondary institution; or
  - (b) An eligible postsecondary institution in conjunction with either another eligible postsecondary or a postsecondary institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting association.
- (6) ASPIRE Award: An award to a student for study in pursuit of an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution who qualifies for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship and whose adjusted gross income attributable to the student does not exceed the amount as described in T.C.A. §49-4-915(a)(2).
- (7) Award Year: A period of time, typically nine (9) months, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of a minimum of two (2) semesters of academic study.

(Rule 1640-01-19-.01, continued)

- (8) Board of Regents: The board of regents of the state university and community college system of Tennessee.
- (9) Certificate or Diploma: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (10) Continuing Education: Courses and programs that do not lead to a certificate, diploma or degree that are designed for personal development and are an extension of the traditional on-campus learning process.
- (11) Continuous Enrollment: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (12) Cost of Attendance: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (13) Credit Hours Attempted: The number of semester hours for which a degree-seeking or diploma/certificate-seeking student attending a postsecondary institution is enrolled as of the institutionally defined census date shall be considered credit hours attempted, regardless of whether a grade has been assigned. This standard shall apply to any change to a non-credit status, notwithstanding anything in Rule 1640-01-19-.22.
- (14) Degree: A two-year associate degree or four-year baccalaureate degree conferred on students by an eligible postsecondary institution.
- (15) Dependent Child of a Military Parent: ~~This term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-926. A natural or adopted child or stepchild whom a military parent claims as a dependent for federal income tax purposes; who is under twenty one (21) years of age; and who resides in another state or nation only while the military parent is engaged in active military service, on full-time national guard duty, or actively employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.~~
- (16) Dependent Child of a Full-time Religious Worker: ~~This term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-934. A natural or adopted child or stepchild whom the parent, who is a religious worker, claims as a dependent for federal income tax purposes; who is under twenty one (21) years of age; and who resides in another nation only while the parent is actively engaged in full-time religious work.~~
- (17) Distance Education: An educational process that is characterized by the separation, in time or place, between instructor and student. It may include credit hours offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission, such as open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, or satellite transmission; audio or computer conferencing; video cassettes or discs, or correspondence.
- (18) Dual Enrollment Grant: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (19) Eligible High School: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (20) Eligible Independent Postsecondary Institution: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (21) Eligible Postsecondary Institution: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- (22) Eligible Program of Study: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(22)~~(23) Eligible Public Postsecondary Institution: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(23)~~(24) Entering Freshman: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(24)~~(25) FAFSA: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(25)~~(26) Foster Child: A child who was in the custody of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-933(b).

(Rule 1640-01-19-.01, continued)

~~(26)~~(27) Full-Time Student: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(27)~~(28) GED: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(28)~~(29) General Assembly Merit Scholarship: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(29)~~(30) Gift Aid: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(30)~~(31) Grade Point Average (GPA): The numbered grade average calculated using a 4.0 scale, calculated to the hundredth decimal.

~~(31)~~(32) High-Need Course or Program: Courses or programs annually selected by the TSAC Board using the criteria outlined in T.C.A. § 49-4-930~~(h)~~, for which the Dual Enrollment Grant may be used.

(33) High School Grade Point Average: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(32)~~(34) HiSET: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(33)~~(35) Home School Student: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(34)~~(36) Home Institution: The eligible postsecondary institution in which the student is enrolled and is in a matriculating status working toward a degree, diploma, or certificate.

~~(35)~~(37) Host Institution: The eligible postsecondary institution the student is temporarily attending as a transient student.

~~(36)~~(38) Immediate Family Member: Spouse, parents, grandparents, legal guardians, children or siblings.

~~(37)~~(39) Incarcerated: Currently confined to a local, state, or federal correctional institution, as well as work release or educational release facilities.

~~(38)~~(40) Joint Enrollment: An arrangement between a high school and a postsecondary institution wherein a student enrolls in postsecondary classes while attending high school, but for which the student will receive credit from only one of the two institutions.

~~(39)~~(41) Matriculated Status: The student is a recognized candidate for an appropriate degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible postsecondary educational institution.

~~(40)~~(42) Medical Disability: A documented condition, as certified by a licensed physician, which requires a HOPE Scholarship recipient to attend part time at an eligibility postsecondary institution.

~~(41)~~(43) Military Parent: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-926(b)(2).

~~(42)~~(44) Nonacademic requirement: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(43)~~(45) Non-Traditional student: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(44)~~(46) Parent: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(45)~~(47) Part-time Student: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(46)~~(48) Regional Accrediting Association: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(47)~~(49) Religious Worker: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-934(b)(2).



(Rule 1640-01-19-.01, continued)

- ~~(48)~~(50) SAT: The SAT administered by the College Board, exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests.
- ~~(49)~~(51) Satisfactory Academic Progress: Progress in a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the eligible postsecondary institution at which the student is currently enrolled.
- ~~(50)~~(52) Semester: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(51)~~(53) Semester grade point average: The grade point average for the semester as calculated by the postsecondary institution utilizing its institutional grading policy.
- ~~(52)~~(54) Semester Hour: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(53)~~(55) Study Abroad Program: Programs of study for which college credit is earned that include travel outside the United States.
- ~~(54)~~(56) TCAT: Tennessee College of Applied Technology.
- ~~(55)~~(57) TELS (Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship) Award: Any scholarship and/or grant provided for by these rules that a student is eligible to receive, excluding the Dual Enrollment Grant.
- ~~(56)~~(58) Tennessee HOPE Access Grant: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(57)~~(59) Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant: A grant in addition to the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship to a foster child to only be used towards the costs of tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees and required registration or matriculation fees at the eligible postsecondary institution the student attends.
- ~~(58)~~(60) Tennessee HOPE Scholarship: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(59)~~(61) Tennessee National Guard: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-926(b)(3).
- ~~(60)~~(62) Tennessee Resident: A student classified as a resident of Tennessee pursuant to the provisions of § 49-8-104.
- ~~(61)~~(63) Test Date: The date designated for the ACT test administered by ACT, Inc., or the date designated for the SAT test administered by the College Board at national and state test centers. This shall also include the administration of either test on other dates as approved by the respective testing entities to accommodate an individual student's documented disability or other hardship, as well as a statewide test date established by the State Department of Education that is sanctioned by the respective test entities.
- ~~(62)~~(64) Title IV: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.
- ~~(63)~~(65) Transient Student: A visiting student enrolled in another institution who is granted temporary admission for the purpose of completing work to transfer back to the home institution and who expects to return to the institution in which the student was previously enrolled.
- ~~(64)~~(66) TSAC: Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.
- ~~(65)~~ ~~Undergraduate Student: A student attending an eligible postsecondary institution and enrolled in a program leading to a diploma/certificate, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree.~~
- ~~(66)~~(67) Unofficial Withdrawal: The determination by an institution that a student has ceased to be academically engaged and otherwise failed to officially withdraw from a course prior to the institution's established deadline or other applicable institutional guidelines.

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~~(67)(68)~~ Unweighted Grade Point Average: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

~~(68) —Weighted Grade Point Average: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.~~

(69) Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant: The term is defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-912, 49-4-913, 49-4-914, 49-4-915, 49-4-916, 49-4-919, 49-4-920, 49-4-921, 49-4-922, 49-4-924, 49-4-926, 49-4-930, 49-4-931, 49-4-933, 49-4-934, and 49-4-935. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendments filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Amendment filed January 25, 2005; effective May 31, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendment filed August 27, 2014; effective November 25, 2014. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### 1640-01-19-.02 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS AND CLASSIFICATIONS.

- (1) The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship program is intended to provide financial awards to offset costs associated with pursuing postsecondary education.
- (2) Award amounts ~~for the following programs~~ shall be determined in accordance with T.C.A. § 4-51-111 and shall be set in ~~Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, and the General Appropriations Act.:~~
  - ~~(a) —Tennessee HOPE Scholarship Award pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-914(a) and (b);~~
  - ~~(b) —Tennessee ASPIRE supplemental award pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-915;~~
  - ~~(c) —General Assembly Merit Scholarship supplemental award pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-916;~~
  - ~~(d) —Tennessee HOPE Access Grant award pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-920; and~~
  - ~~(e) —Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-921.~~
- (3) The Dual Enrollment Grant award amounts shall be determined by TSAC, in accordance with guidelines in T.C.A. § 49-4-930 and the general appropriations act.
  - (a) Students who receive the award amount of maintenance fees as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-930~~(h)~~ during their junior year of high school shall continue to receive the award amount of maintenance fees in their senior year even if the course or program is no longer determined to be a high-need course or program by the TSAC Board.

~~(4) —Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant amounts shall be pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-933.~~

~~(5)(4)~~ Recipients of any TELS award as provided by these rules, except for the Dual Enrollment Grant and the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, may enroll as a full-time or part-time student at any eligible postsecondary institution. The amount of the award for ~~full-time and~~ part-time students shall be based on the ~~credit~~ hours attempted ~~in an eligible program of study~~. Students enrolled in six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) ~~credit~~ hours will receive half (1/2) of the award of full-

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time students. Students enrolled in nine (9), ten (10), or eleven (11) **credit** hours will receive three quarters (3/4) of the award of a full-time student.

~~(6)~~(5) Except for approved medical or personal leaves of absence as provided in Rule 1640-01-19-.20 or emergency military duty as provided in Rule 1640-01-19-.21, award recipients must be continuously enrolled and maintain satisfactory academic progress at an eligible postsecondary institution.

~~(7) In the event that net lottery proceeds are insufficient to fully fund the TELS award program, TSAC shall determine the appropriate manner in which the various awards shall be reduced.~~

~~(8)~~(6) Receipt of student financial aid from sources other than TELS that are applied to educational expenses will not operate to reduce the student's TELS award as long as the student's total aid does not exceed the total cost of attendance. In the event that a student's total aid exceeds the cost of attendance, the eligible postsecondary institution shall, to the extent it does not violate applicable federal regulations, use its institutional policy in reducing the student's total aid package.

~~(9)~~(7) The receipt of a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, Tennessee HOPE Access Grant, Tennessee ASPIRE Award, Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Grant, General Assembly Merit Scholarship, **Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, Wilder-Naifeh Reconnect**, or Dual Enrollment Grant is contingent upon admission and enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution. Academically qualifying for any of these award programs does not guarantee admission to an eligible postsecondary institution.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, 49-4-912, 49-4-914, 49-4-915, 49-4-916, 49-4-919, 49-4-920, 49-4-921, 49-4-922, 49-4-924, 49-4-930, and 49-4-933. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendment filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendments filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

### 1640-01-19-.03 APPLICATION PROCESS.

- (1) The FAFSA shall be the application for all first year TELS awards and the FAFSA, or Renewal FAFSA, shall be the means by which eligible students reapply for TELS awards after their initial year of eligibility. The FAFSA must be submitted by mail or electronically as directed in the FAFSA instructions. Regardless of the adjusted gross income attributable to the student, the student is required to complete the FAFSA for each academic year in order to apply for and receive a TELS award.
- (2) Students applying for a TELS award **to be used at an eligible postsecondary institution other than a TCAT** must have a FAFSA received by the U.S. Department of Education on or before September 1 for fall enrollment and February 1 for spring and summer enrollment. ~~in determining awards for that academic year.~~ Students enrolling in a TCAT shall have a FAFSA received by the U.S. Department of Education on or before July 1 for the summer trimester, November 1 for the fall trimester and March 1 for the spring trimester. It shall be the responsibility of the student to ensure that the FAFSA is timely submitted to ensure it is received by the above deadlines.
- (3) Students shall apply for the Dual Enrollment Grant during their junior and senior high school years by completing the Dual Enrollment Grant Application online. The student must renew the

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Dual Enrollment Grant application each postsecondary academic year.

- ~~(a) The application deadlines for eligible shall be determined by TSAC. two-year and four-year institutions are September 15 for the fall semester, February 1 for the spring semester, and May 15 for the summer semester. The application deadlines for the TCATs are November 1 for the fall term, March 1 for the spring term, and May 15 for the summer term.~~
- (4) The Executive Director is authorized to suspend, waive, or modify application deadlines in these rules upon well documented extraordinary causes, where necessary to protect the public interest.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, 49-4-924, and 49-4-930. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Amendment filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendment filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### 1640-01-19-.04 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY.

- (1) To be eligible for a TELS award a student shall:

  - (a) Be a Tennessee citizen; and
  - (b) Be ~~classified as~~ a Tennessee resident ~~pursuant to as required by~~ T.C.A. § ~~49-8-104~~~~49-4-905(a)(1)~~; and
  - (c) Make application for a TELS award by submitting the FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA as required by Rule 1640-01-19-.03, and
  - (d) Be admitted to ~~and enrolled in~~ an eligible postsecondary institution; and
  - (e) Comply with United States Selective Service System requirements for registration, if such requirements are applicable to the student; and
  - (f) Be in compliance with federal drug-free rules and laws for receiving financial assistance; and
  - (g) Meet each qualification relating to the relevant TELS award and applicable to the student; and
  - (h) Not be in default on a federal Title IV educational loan or Tennessee educational loan; and
  - (i) Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV student financial aid program or a Tennessee student financial aid program; and
  - (j) Not be incarcerated.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, 49-4-904, 49-4-905, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective

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**1640-01-19-.05 ELIGIBILITY – TENNESSEE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP.**

- (1) ~~This paragraph applies to student eligibility requirements as amended effective July 1, 2007.~~  
To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman, a student, who graduated from an eligible high school ~~after December 1, 2003~~, upon having completed curriculum requirements of the high school for graduation, shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-907.
- (2) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as an entering freshmen, a student who completes high school in a Tennessee home school program ~~after December 1, 2003~~, who obtains a GED or HiSET ~~after December 1, 2003~~, or who graduates from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school ~~after December 1, 2003~~, shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-908.
- (3) To be eligible for a TELS award, students entering active duty in the United States Armed Services within two (2) years after graduating from an eligible high school, graduating from a high school located in Tennessee that is not an eligible high school, completing high school in a Tennessee home school program or obtaining a GED or HiSET, shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-918.
- (4) A student who is a Tennessee citizen and a dependent child of a full-time military parent may be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman as provided in this paragraph.
  - (a) Such students may be eligible if they meet all eligibility requirements for a HOPE Scholarship except that:
    1. While the parent is a military parent, the student does not reside in Tennessee immediately preceding the date of application for financial assistance; and
    2. The student did not graduate from an eligible high school as defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902, an ineligible high school, a Tennessee home school or obtain a GED or HiSET.
  - (b) Students who graduated from a high school outside of Tennessee may nevertheless be eligible if the high school was:
    1. Operated by the United States; or
    2. Accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association for the state in which the school is located; or
    3. Accredited by an accrediting association recognized by the foreign nation in which the school is located.
  - (c) Students graduating from high schools outside Tennessee who do not meet the requirements of part 2. of subparagraph (b) may still be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship if they completed high school in a home school program or obtained a GED or HiSET.
  - (d) Paragraph (4) shall only apply to:
    1. Dependent children of members of the armed forces or Tennessee National Guard whose home of record, at the time of entry into military service, is Tennessee ~~or who are classified as residents of this state at the time of application pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-8-104; and~~

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2. Dependent children of full-time civilian employees of the U.S. Department of Defense, who are Tennessee residents **as classified pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-8-104.**
- (5) A student who is a Tennessee citizen and a dependent child of a full-time religious worker may be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman as provided in this paragraph.
  - (a) Such student must meet all Tennessee HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements except that:
    1. While the student's parent is serving in another nation as a religious worker, the student does not reside in Tennessee immediately preceding the date of application for financial assistance; and
    2. The student did not graduate from an eligible high school as defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902, an ineligible high school, a Tennessee home school or obtain a GED or HiSET.
  - (b) To be eligible for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship under this paragraph (5), the student must:
    1. Graduate from a high school in the foreign nation where the student's parent is a religious worker that is accredited by a regional accrediting association as defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-902 and meet the academic eligibility requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-907(3); or
    2. Complete high school in a home school in the foreign nation where the student's parent is a religious worker and meet the academic requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-908(2)(A).
  - (c) Paragraph (5) only applies to dependent children of religious workers who are engaged in full-time religious work in another nation for more than one (1) year and who were Tennessee residents before leaving the U.S. to do religious work and intend to return to Tennessee upon completion of their assignment as a religious worker.
- (6) In addition to the requirements of T.C.A. §§ 49-4-902 and 49-4-931, to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, a non-traditional student shall meet the general eligibility requirements of Rule 1640-01-19-.04 and:
  - (a) Enroll in the semester immediately succeeding the semester in which eligibility is established; and
  - (b) If the student fails to maintain continuous enrollment, wait two (2) consecutive calendar years from the end of the semester of attending any postsecondary institution, before attempting to establish eligibility.
- (7) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, students graduating from a high school located in a neighboring state in a county contiguous to Tennessee shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-935.
- (8) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, dependent children of a headquarters staff employee, who is a Tennessee citizen before leaving the state and working full-time in a foreign nation for more than one (1) year, shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-942 and enroll at an eligible postsecondary institution.**
- (9) Any student who was initially eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship or HOPE Access**



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Grant but who instead of enrolling at either an eligible 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution enrolled at a TCAT and obtained the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant and completed a diploma program is eligible for a HOPE Scholarship at either an eligible 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution. The student must apply for a HOPE Scholarship within three (3) years of completing the diploma program.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-905, 49-4-907, 49-4-908, 49-4-910, 49-4-918, 49-4-924, 49-4-926, 49-4-930, 49-4-931, 49-4-934, and 49-4-935. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendments filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Amendments filed January 25, 2005; effective May 31, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendment filed December 1, 2009; effective May 31, 2010. Amendments filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### **1640-01-19-.06 ELIGIBILITY – TENNESSEE ASPIRE AWARD.**

- (1) Except as provided in T.C.A. § 49-4-931, any student eligible for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship with an adjusted gross income attributable to the student that does not exceed the amount as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-915(a)(2) will receive the ASPIRE award in addition to the base award. The adjusted gross income attributable to the student shall be reviewed each academic year to determine continuing eligibility for the ASPIRE award. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 1640-01-19-.12 to the contrary, a student otherwise eligible for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship and meeting the requirements of this rule shall receive the ASPIRE award regardless of the student's eligibility for this grant in any prior year. A student eligible for both the ASPIRE award and the General Assembly Merit Scholarship shall be awarded the ASPIRE award, but shall not simultaneously receive both awards.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, 49-4-915, 49-4-917, 49-4-924, 49-4-930, and 49-4-931. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-1-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### **1640-01-19-.07 ELIGIBILITY – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP.**

- (1) To be eligible for the General Assembly Merit Scholarship the student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-916.
- (2) Students eligible for both the ASPIRE award and the General Assembly Merit Scholarship shall be awarded the ASPIRE award or the General Assembly Merit Scholarship but shall not simultaneously be awarded both.
- (3) A student eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship under Rule 1640-01-19-.05(7) shall not be eligible for a General Assembly Merit Scholarship supplemental award under T.C.A. § 49-4-916.

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**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-916, 49-4-917, 49-4-924, and 49-4-935. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendments filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Amendments filed January 25, 2005; effective May 31, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19- through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640- 1-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendment filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### 1640-01-19-.08 ELIGIBILITY – TENNESSEE HOPE ACCESS GRANT.

- (1) ~~In addition to the general eligibility requirements in Rule 1640-01-19-.04, to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Access Grant a student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-920. To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Access Grant, a student must:~~
  - (a) submit an initial application no later than September 1, 2021, or a renewal application for each year thereafter;
  - (b) meet the general eligibility requirements in Rule 1640-01-19-.04; and
  - (c) meet the requirements of T.C.A § 49-4-920.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-920, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendments filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008.

#### 1640-01-19-.09 ELIGIBILITY – TENNESSEE HOPE FOSTER CHILD GRANT.

- (1) In addition to the general eligibility requirements in Rule 1640-01-19-.04, to be eligible for the Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Grant a student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-933.
- ~~(2) The Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant shall be the cost of attendance less any gift aid, with the total HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant amount not to exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the eligible postsecondary institution attended. Additionally, at an eligible independent postsecondary institution, the Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant shall not exceed the statewide average public tuition and mandatory fee rate for the type of institution (two-year or four-year) attended.~~

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-924, and 49-4-933. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009.



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**1640-01-19-.10 ELIGIBILITY – WILDER-NAIFEH TECHNICAL SKILLS GRANT.**

- (1) In addition to the general eligibility requirements in Rule 1640-01-19-.04, to be eligible for a Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant a student shall meet the requirement of T.C.A. § 49-4-921.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-921, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendment filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008.

**1640-01-19-.11 ELIGIBILITY – DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT.**

- (1) To be eligible for a Dual Enrollment Grant a student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-930.
- (2) The student must have completed all of the academic requirements of the 10th grade (high school sophomore) and be classified as an 11th grader (high school junior) or 12th grader (high school senior) by the student's high school or home school program.
- (3) The student must not have already received a high school diploma or GED or HiSET diploma.
- (4) A student's participation in the Dual Enrollment Grant program is limited to the remaining amount of time normally required to complete the high school diploma, from the time of initial participation in the program. The grant is available for the regular fall and spring semester, and for summer semesters prior to graduation from high school ~~for those students who did not exceed the maximum award during the regular school year.~~
- (5) Related to the dual enrollment grant award for high-need courses ~~and programs~~ outlined in the GIVE Act as codified in T.C.A. § 49-4-930:
  - (a) The TSAC Board of Directors shall annually determine the high-need courses ~~within associate of applied science, certificate, or diploma~~ ~~or~~ programs for the subsequent academic year based on a recommendation by TSAC staff using available information as outlined in T.C.A. § 49-4-930;
  - (b) TSAC staff shall disseminate the list of high-need ~~courses within associate of applied science, certificate, or diploma~~ programs to eligible postsecondary institutions as soon as practicable upon approval by the TSAC Board; and
  - (c) An eligible postsecondary institution shall be paid the maintenance fee on behalf of a student for ~~high-need~~ courses taken ~~using the Dual Enrollment Grant. in a high-need program.~~ A general education course is not considered a high-need course for the purposes of the GIVE Act Dual Enrollment Grant even if the course is required for completion of an associate of applied science, certificate, or diploma ~~listed in the high-need program of study.~~
- (6) Any deduction to a student's HOPE Scholarship as a result of taking additional Dual Enrollment Grant courses provided for under T.C.A. § 49-4-930 shall be applied in full against the amount of the student's HOPE Scholarship in the first semester of enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution.

If the student's HOPE award in the first semester is less than the amount of the total deduction,

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then the remaining deduction amount will be applied against the second semester, and subsequent semesters if necessary, until the deduction is eliminated.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-924, and 49-4-930. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendment filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### 1640-01-19-.12 RETENTION OF AWARDS – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) To retain a TELS award authorized by this chapter, a student, including a non-traditional student, at an eligible postsecondary institution shall continue to meet all applicable requirements for the scholarship and shall reapply by completing the FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA pursuant to Rule 1640-01-19-.03 for the applicable award for each academic year.
- (2) Eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship shall be reviewed in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-4-911.
- ~~(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this rule and Rules 1640-01-19-.20 and 1640-01-19-.21, a student may receive a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship until a terminating event as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-913 occurs.~~
- ~~(4)~~(3) The attempted credit hour includes remedial and developmental studies and all regular college credit courses attempted after high school graduation.
- ~~(5)~~(4) A student who meets all other requirements for fourth or fifth year eligibility except that the student is classified at the professional level rather than as an undergraduate, and has not met a terminating event in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-4-913, is eligible if the student was accepted into the professional level program of study that is an extension of the student's bachelor's degree program.
- ~~(6)~~(5) If a student ceases to be eligible for any TELS award, except the General Assembly Merit Scholarship, due to failure to achieve the required cumulative grade point average, the student may regain the applicable award or awards by:
  - (a) Continuing to meet all applicable non-academic requirements for the applicable award or awards;
  - (b) Maintaining continuous enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution without the applicable award or awards;
  - (c) Attaining grade point average requirements as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-911 at the end of any semester in which eligibility would have been reviewed, had the student not lost the award or awards; and
  - (d) Reapplying for the scholarship as provided in Rule 1640-01-19-.03.
- ~~(7)~~(6) No retroactive awards shall be made for ~~creditsemester~~ hours attempted in order to regain the scholarship.
- ~~(8)~~(7) A student can utilize the option outlined in paragraph ~~(56)~~ of this rule only one time. A student who, after regaining the award or awards pursuant to paragraph ~~(56)~~ of this rule, subsequently fails to retain any TELS award due to failure to achieve the cumulative grade point average at

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a regular credit hour checkpoint shall not be eligible to regain the TELS award. ~~or become eligible for another TELS award.~~

- ~~(9)~~(8) Except as provided by Rule 1640-01-19-.20 or 1640-01-19-.21, a student receiving a TELS award provided by this chapter shall maintain continuous enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution and maintain satisfactory progress in a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices used for Title IV programs by the postsecondary institution in which the student is currently enrolled.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-911, 49-4-912, 49-4-913, 49-4-920, 49-4-921, 49-4-924, and 49-4-931. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendments filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendments filed December 1, 2009; effective May 31, 2010. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### 1640-01-19-.13 RETENTION OF AWARDS – TENNESSEE HOPE ACCESS GRANT.

- (1) In addition to the general requirements for retention of award in Rule 1640-01-19-.12:
  - (a) A Tennessee HOPE Access Grant shall be awarded to an eligible student only until the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twenty-four (24) ~~creditsemester~~ hours. A student who is eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship shall be ineligible for a Tennessee HOPE Access Grant.
  - (b) If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE Access Grant has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) ~~creditsemester~~ hours, the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship. The student will also receive the ASPIRE award referenced in Rule 1640-01-19-.06, if the adjusted gross income attributable to the student at the time of review does not exceed the amount described in T.C.A. § 49-4-915(a)(2).
  - (c) If a student ceases to be eligible due to failure to achieve the cumulative grade point average required at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) ~~creditsemester~~ hours, the student may be eligible to regain the HOPE Scholarship by following the procedure outlined in Rule 1640-01-19-.12(~~56~~).
  - (d) A student may receive a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship after having received a Tennessee HOPE Access Grant until a terminating event as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-913 occurs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-913, 49-4-915, 49-4-920, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008.

#### 1640-01-19-.14 RETENTION OF AWARDS – DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT.

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- (1) To be eligible for a Dual Enrollment Grant the student must meet the minimum requirements pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-930.
- (2) The Dual Enrollment cumulative grade point average used to determine eligibility for a renewal of a Dual Enrollment Grant must be calculated by the institution the student is attending, utilizing its institutional grading policy and must be based on all dual enrollment credit hours attempted under this rule.
- (3) Distance education courses and independent studies courses are eligible for payment with a Dual Enrollment Grant and shall be included in the calculation of the postsecondary cumulative grade point average for continued eligibility of the Dual Enrollment Grant.
- (4) Courses in which a student enrolls as an audit student for which no college credit will be received cannot be paid with a Dual Enrollment Grant.
- (5) Students who obtain a grade change shall notify the financial aid office within thirty (30) calendar days of the grade change and request reinstatement of his/her award on a form developed by the institution for this purpose. If the grade change makes the student eligible for a Dual Enrollment Grant, the student can be awarded retroactively in the current award year. If the grade change affects the student's eligibility from the previous award year, the award may be adjusted in the current award year.
- ~~(6) A student enrolled in a matriculating status at an eligible postsecondary institution shall qualify for award payment for distance education courses.~~
- ~~(7)~~(6) The grant will pay only for lower division (courses numbered 100-200 or 1000-2000) postsecondary credit for general education courses and courses in the disciplines. The grant will not pay for upper division courses (numbered 300-400 or 3000-4000).

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-924, and 49-4-930. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendments filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendments filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### 1640-01-19-.15 TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCESS.

- (1) On or before June 30 of each year, all eligible high schools shall submit the name, social security number, grade point averages, and highest composite ACT/SAT score on any single test date, for academically eligible students, cumulative through the eighth semester. Students who graduate from summer school shall have their information reported to TSAC on or before August 15 of each year.
- (2) Eligible postsecondary institutions that enroll students receiving scholarships or grants shall assist in providing and certifying student information necessary for administering, receiving, and evaluating such programs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed

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**1640-01-19-.16 CONTINUATION OF TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.**

- (1) All students receiving a TELS award shall reapply for the award by filing a FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA as provided in Rule 1640-01-19-.03 for each subsequent year.
  - (a) During the certification process, all eligible postsecondary institutions shall certify the number of credit hours attempted and the cumulative grade point average of all students receiving a TELS award at the end of the semester, as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-911(a).
  - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1)(a) above to the contrary, only those grades earned and credit hours attempted by a non-traditional student, while receiving the TELS award, shall count toward the benchmark requirements.
- (2) To remain eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, the student must meet the minimum requirements pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-911.
- (3) Students who reach a benchmark during the summer semester shall have their continuing eligibility determined based upon the cumulative grade point average and semester grade point average, if required, as of the end of the summer semester.
- (4) Students entering into the provisions of T.C.A. § 49-4-911(a)(2) may enter into these provisions as a part-time student. However, upon receiving the award based on the provisions of T.C.A. § 49-4-911(a)(2), the student must maintain continuous enrollment each semester.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, 49-4-911, 49-4-924, and 49-4-931. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Amendment filed October 21, 2004; effective February 28, 2005. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendments filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendments filed December 1, 2009; effective May 31, 2010. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

**1640-01-19-.17 AWARD MADE IN ERROR.**

- (1) If a student receives a TELS award and it is later determined that the award or some portion of the award was made in error, the student or the postsecondary institution may be required to repay the amount awarded in error.
- (2) If TSAC determines that the error was through no fault of the student, the student will not be required to repay the amount of the payment made in error.
- (3) Repayment from the student will be required if TSAC determines that fraud was committed or the error was through fault of the student. When repayment is required, the student may not receive additional student aid from TSAC until repayment is made.
- (4) Repayment from the postsecondary institution will be required if TSAC determines that the error was through the fault of the postsecondary institution.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to



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#### **1640-01-19-.18 REFUND POLICY.**

- (1) If a recipient of a TELS award or a Dual Enrollment Grant fails to complete a semester for any reason, the eligible postsecondary institution shall apply its refund policy to determine whether a refund may be required and/or funds returned to TSAC. The eligible postsecondary institution shall provide the student with a notice indicating the amount to be returned to the student or the amount to be refunded to TSAC. Additionally, the eligible postsecondary institution shall notify TSAC of the charge back, which shall be noted on the student's record. The eligible postsecondary institution shall also be responsible for obtaining repayment from the student. The student shall be ineligible for student aid from TSAC until the refund is paid.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201 49-4-204, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009.

#### **1640-01-19-.19 CONVERTING FROM FULL-TIME TO PART-TIME ENROLLMENT.**

- (1) Students enrolled in a full-time or part-time status, as of institutionally defined census date, may not convert to part-time or less than part-time status within the same semester and receive a scholarship award for the succeeding semesters unless the student requests and the institution approves the change to part-time or less than part-time status.
- (2) An institution may allow a change from full-time to part-time or from part-time to less than part-time status within the same semester only when there are documented medical or personal grounds, in accordance with Rule 1640-01-19-.20.
- (3) Each eligible postsecondary institution shall adopt procedures for considering student requests for change from full-time to part-time or from part-time to less than part-time status within the semester. In the event an institution denies a student's request to change enrollment status within a semester, the student may appeal the decision pursuant to Rule 1640-01-19-.28.
- (4) In the event that the decision to deny the change of status is upheld through the appeals process, the student shall be ineligible to regain the TELS award. ~~or become eligible for another TELS award.~~
- (5) In the event the change to part-time or less than part-time status is approved, the eligible postsecondary institution shall apply its refund policy to determine whether a refund may be required and/or funds returned to TSAC. The eligible postsecondary institution shall provide the student with a notice indicating the amount to be returned to TSAC. Additionally, the eligible postsecondary institution shall notify TSAC of the charge back, which shall be noted on the student's record.
- ~~(6) For the purposes of this rule, only courses that are included in the calculation of the grade point average pursuant to Rule 1640-01-19-.22 are to be considered in determining full-time status.~~
- ~~(7) In the event the student is eligible for the HOPE Scholarship as defined in T.C.A. § 49-4-911(a), the student shall maintain continuous full-time enrollment on a semester by semester basis.~~

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-911, 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-911, 49-4-912, and 49-4-

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#### **1640-01-19-.20 PERSONAL OR MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**

- (1) A student may be granted medical or personal leaves of absence from attendance at an eligible postsecondary institution and resume receiving an award(s) upon resumption of the student's attendance at an eligible postsecondary institution so long as all other applicable eligibility criteria are met. Each eligible postsecondary institution shall adopt procedures for considering student requests for leaves of absence. An eligible postsecondary institution may grant leaves of absence only for **documented** medical or personal reasons. Allowable medical or personal reasons shall include, but not be limited to, illness of the student, illness or death of an immediate family member, extreme financial hardship of the student or student's immediate family, to fulfill a religious commitment encouraged of students of that faith, or other extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control where continued attendance by the student creates a substantial hardship. Acceptable reasons shall also include a student's participation in an internship or co-op program that is required or encouraged as part the academic program in which the student is enrolled. In the event an institution denies a student's request for a medical or personal leave of absence, the student may appeal the decision in accordance with Rule 1640-01-19-.28.
- (2) Students granted a medical or personal leave of absence who resume their education at an eligible postsecondary institution shall retain TELS award eligibility until a terminating event as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-913 occurs.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-913, 49-4-919, and 49-4-924.

**Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendment filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### **1640-01-19-.21 MILITARY MOBILIZATION OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.**

- (1) Members of the United States Armed Services, National Guard, or Armed Forces Reserves receiving a TELS award who are mobilized for active duty during a semester that is already in progress shall be granted a personal leave of absence by the eligible postsecondary institution the student is attending and shall not have their TELS award eligibility negatively impacted.
- (2) If, as a result of being mobilized, a student elects to completely withdraw from an eligible postsecondary institution, then the hours attempted during the semester will not be taken into consideration for purposes of determining future TELS award eligibility.
- (3) Upon re-enrollment within one year following mobilization, the student's TELS award eligibility will resume as if no break in enrollment had occurred and shall retain TELS award eligibility until a terminating event as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-913 occurs.
- (4) An eligible postsecondary institution shall be authorized to consider a request for a leave of absence from a student whose spouse, child, father or mother is mobilized for active duty as a

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valid basis for a personal leave of absence. This request shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this rule. If the request is granted the student shall receive the same accommodations described above.

- (5) Tennessee residents attending an out-of-state institution, otherwise eligible, shall not have their TELS award eligibility negatively impacted by military mobilization upon their return to the state as a transfer student attending an eligible postsecondary institution.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, 49-4-913, 49-4-919, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Amendments filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Amendment filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### **1640-01-19-.22 CALCULATION OF POSTSECONDARY CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE.**

- (1) The postsecondary cumulative grade point average used to determine eligibility for a renewal of a TELS award, must be calculated by the institution the student is attending, utilizing its institutional grading policy and must be based on all credit hours attempted after high school graduation and calculated on an A through F grading scale, except as otherwise provided in this rule and as described in T.C.A. § 49-4-911. Unique grades associated with the failure of a class due to an unofficial withdrawal must also be included in calculations of attempted credits and grade point average.
  - (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) above to the contrary, grades earned and credit hours attempted by a non-traditional student, in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-4-931, shall count toward the benchmark requirements.
- (2) All credit hours attempted at all postsecondary institutions the student has attended after graduating from high school and their corresponding grades must be included in the calculation of the postsecondary cumulative grade point average, regardless of whether the receiving institution will apply the credit hours toward the student's degree requirements. Except as provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, credit hours that were repeated shall be included in the postsecondary cumulative grade point average calculation.
  - (a) A student shall have a one-time option to repeat one course and utilize only the higher of the two grades in the calculation of their postsecondary grade point average for purposes of determining continued eligibility for a TELS award. The **creditsemester** hours for both attempted courses, however, will be included in the overall number of **credit attempted** hours **attempted** for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
  - (b) It shall be the responsibility of the student to advise the appropriate official of the eligible postsecondary institution when this option is being exercised.
- (3) Grades received for courses attempted prior to high school graduation, completion of a home school program in Tennessee or GED or HiSET attainment, including those attempted with the Dual Enrollment Grant, do not count in the postsecondary cumulative grade point average or in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
- (4) Credit hours earned by examination are not eligible for payment with TELS awards and shall not be included in the postsecondary cumulative grade point average or in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
- (5) Credit hours attempted as part of a diploma or certificate program of study are not considered to be college credit hours and therefore shall not be included in the postsecondary cumulative



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- grade point average or in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility unless those hours are accepted toward a degree.
- (6) Remedial and developmental studies and independent studies courses are eligible for payment with TELS awards and shall be included in the calculation of the postsecondary cumulative grade point average and in the attempted hours **in an eligible program of study** for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
  - (7) Courses in which a student enrolls as an audit student for which no college credit will be received cannot be paid with a TELS award or included in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
  - (8) Continuing education courses are not eligible for payment with TELS awards and shall not be included in the postsecondary cumulative grade point average or in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
  - (9) A student who obtains a grade change shall notify the financial aid office within thirty (30) calendar days of the grade change and request reinstatement of his or her award on a form developed by the institution for this purpose. If the grade change makes the student eligible for a TELS award, the student can be awarded a TELS award retroactively in the current award year. If the grade change affects the student's eligibility from the previous award year, the TELS award may be adjusted in the current award year. The eligible postsecondary institution shall make necessary reductions in the student's financial aid package if the reinstatement of a TELS award results in either an over-award of need based aid or exceeds the institution's cost of attendance for any semester. If the student's application for reinstatement is denied, the student may appeal the decision in accordance with Rule 1640- 01-19-.28.
  - (10) A student enrolled in a matriculating status at an eligible postsecondary institution shall qualify for TELS award payment for distance education courses **in an eligible program of study** if all other eligibility requirements are met. Students may take courses through more than one eligible postsecondary institution during the same semester. Payment for the distance education courses shall be made in the same manner as transient students as provided in Rule 1640-01-19-.24
  - (11) A student enrolled in a matriculating status at an eligible postsecondary institution may qualify for TELS award payment while participating in an internship or co-op program **as part of an eligible program of study** if the student receives college credit from the internship or co-op experience and ~~must~~ pays tuition and fees **for the credit**. The ~~creditsemester~~ hours shall be included in the postsecondary cumulative grade point average.
  - (12) A student enrolled in a matriculating status at an eligible postsecondary institution may qualify for TELS award payment while participating in an alternative study or study abroad program if all other eligibility requirements are met. The eligible postsecondary institution which is the student's home institution must approve the alternative study or study abroad program for credit toward the student's degree and the number of hours **in an eligible program of study** that will be applied toward the degree prior to the student's departure.
  - (13) Courses that appear on a student's transcript as an "incomplete" shall be considered credit hours attempted, except as noted in Rules 1640-01-19-.21(2) and 1640-01-19-.21(4). The student's TELS award eligibility, however, shall be determined by excluding the credit hours attributable to the course for which an "incomplete" has been assigned from the cumulative grade point average calculation.
    - (a) If the student fails to retain eligibility for a TELS award as a result of the calculation of an incomplete, but later becomes eligible when the grade for the "incomplete" course is reported, the student is eligible to receive a TELS award retroactively within the award year and shall retain eligibility. Retroactive TELS awards for previous award years shall be added to the current award year. The eligible postsecondary institution shall, however,

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make necessary reductions in the student's financial aid package if the reinstatement of a TELS award results in either an over award of need based aid or exceeds the institution's cost of attendance for any semester. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the financial aid office at the eligible postsecondary institution that a grade has been awarded and request that the TELS award be reinstated. Each eligible postsecondary institution shall develop a standard form for use by students to comply with this provision. If the student's application for reinstatement is denied, the student may appeal the decision in accordance with Rule 1640-01-19-.28.

- (b) If the student retains eligibility for a TELS award as a result of the calculation, but later becomes ineligible when the grade for the "incomplete" course is reported, then the student shall be ineligible for all TELS awards. Additionally, the student shall reimburse the institution for TELS awards received in the interim.
- (14) Courses in which a student withdraws shall not be used in calculating the cumulative grade point average. The hours shall be included in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
- (15) Courses in which a student takes a pass/fail course shall not be used in calculating the cumulative grade point average. The hours shall be included in the attempted hours for determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-911, 49-4-913, 49-4-919, 49-4-924, and 49-4-931. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Amendments filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendments filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendment filed December 1, 2009; effective May 31, 2010. Amendments filed December 19, 2015; effective March 19, 2015. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.

#### 1640-01-19-.23 TRANSFER STUDENTS.

- (1) To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship as a transfer student from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution located outside of Tennessee, a student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-929.
- (2) ~~Any student who was initially eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship or HOPE Access Grant but who instead of enrolling at either an eligible 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution enrolled at a TCAT and obtained the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant and completed a diploma program is eligible for a HOPE Scholarship at either an eligible 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution. The student must apply for a HOPE Scholarship within three (3) years of completing the diploma program.~~ To be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship as a transfer student between eligible postsecondary institutions, a student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-910.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-902, 49-4-903, 49-4-910, 49-4-911, 49-4-924, 49-4-929, and 49-4-937. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 29, 2003; effective April 29, 2004. Public necessity rule filed October 4, 2005; effective through March 18, 2006. Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to rules in effect on October 3, 2005. Repeal and new rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed November 20, 2007;

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*effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendment filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Amendments filed October 31, 2018; effective January 29, 2019.*

#### **1640-01-19-.24 TRANSIENT STUDENTS.**

- (1) A transient student is eligible to receive a TELS award if all other eligibility requirements are met and if both the home and host institutions are eligible postsecondary institutions.
- (2) Each eligible postsecondary institution shall develop a process to effectuate each provision of this rule and shall notify its students of the process and the availability of the necessary forms to comply with the requirements. At the end of the semester, the host institution shall provide the student's home institution with all information necessary for the home institution to determine continued TELS award eligibility.
- (3) If the home institution chooses to certify the transient student to TSAC for payment of the HOPE Scholarship, the home institution shall certify the student at the award amount designated to the eligible postsecondary institution the student is attending.
- (4) If, through collaboration with the home institution, the host institution chooses to certify the transient student to TSAC for payment of the HOPE Scholarship, the host institution shall certify the student at the award amount designated to the eligible postsecondary institution the student is attending.
- (5) If the host institution chooses not to certify the transient student to TSAC for payment of the HOPE Scholarship, the home institution shall certify the student at the award amount designated to the eligible postsecondary institution the student is attending.
- (6) If the eligible student is concurrently enrolled at the home institution and a host institution, then the home institution shall certify the student at the award amount of the home institution.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to reserved status. Original rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Amendment filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### **1640-01-19-.25 DENIAL OF INITIAL ELIGIBILITY – FAILURE TO TIMELY ENROLL.**

- (1) A student who fails to timely enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution as required by Rule 1640-01-19-.05 may be granted an exception if the student failed to meet the requirement for any reason provided for in this rule. An exception shall be granted only for **documented** medical or personal reasons, in accordance with Rule 1640-01-19-.20. In the event a student's request for an exemption for failing to timely enroll is denied, the student may appeal the decision pursuant to Rule 1640-01-19-.28

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-903, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to reserved status. Original rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Amendment filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### **1640-01-19-.26 EXTENSION OF FIVE-YEAR TERMINATING EVENT DUE TO MEDICAL DISABILITY.**

- (1) As outlined in T.C.A. § 49-4-913, a HOPE recipient who has a documented medical disability,

as verified by a licensed physician, which requires the student to attend part-time, may petition TSAC to receive an extension to the five (5) year period. Such extension may not exceed ten (10) years from the student's date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

- (2) Documentation from the licensed physician must include a statement that affirms the student's medical disability and reason(s) the student must attend part-time. The extension will be granted one (1) year at a time and documentation must be provided to TSAC prior to the beginning of the academic term in which the part-time status is being applied for. The extension will be reviewed on an annual basis and a determination made of the student's eligibility for the extension.
- (3) A student with a medical disability whose five (5) year period has expired may appeal to TSAC to have the award reinstated, provided the student has maintained eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship. A student whose eligibility has expired may receive up to an additional five (5) years, or the number of years remaining that will equal ten (10) years from initial enrollment, whichever is less.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, 49-4-708, 49-4-904, 49-4-905, and 49-4-913. **Administrative History:** Public necessity rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 filed October 4, 2005, expired on March 18, 2006. On March 19, 2006, rules 1640-01-19-.01 through 1640-01-19-.26 reverted to reserved status. Original rule filed November 9, 2005; effective March 30, 2006. Public necessity rule filed November 30, 2006; expires May 14, 2007. Amendment filed November 30, 2006; effective March 30, 2007. Public necessity rule filed November 20, 2007; effective through May 3, 2008. Amendments filed November 20, 2007; effective March 28, 2008. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008; effective through April 6, 2009. Public necessity rule filed October 23, 2008 and effective through April 6, 2009, expired on April 7, 2009; rule reverted to its previous status. Amendments filed January 30, 2009; effective May 29, 2009. Repeal and new rule filed August 27, 2014; effective November 25, 2014. Repeal and new rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### **1640-01-19-.27 WILDER-NAIFEH RECONNECT.**

- (1) To be eligible for a Wilder-Naifeh Reconnect Grant, a student shall meet the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-4-923.
- (2) All tuition waivers and discounts for which a student or parent qualifies shall first be deducted from the student's tuition and mandatory fees before gift aid is credited.
- (3) Each TCAT shall be responsible for certifying to TSAC that the student has met all eligibility requirements. The TCAT will certify each student's eligibility for a financial award for the Wilder-Naifeh Reconnect Grant after gift aid has first been credited to the student's tuition and mandatory fees.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, and 49-4-923. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.

#### **1640-01-19-.28 APPEAL AND EXCEPTION PROCESS.**

- (1) Each eligible postsecondary institution shall establish an Institutional Review Panel (IRP) which shall review student appeals for the loss of TELS eligibility, as set forth in T.C.A. § 49-4-924 and these rules. Each eligible postsecondary institution shall establish written procedures for the submission of an appeal to the IRP following the denial or revocation of a TELS award. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment and composition of the IRP and the process and timelines for appeals to the IRP. Each eligible postsecondary institution shall also ensure students are notified of the procedures for submitting an appeal to the TSAC Appeals Panel (Appeals Panel) following a decision made by the IRP. No eligible postsecondary institution official rendering a decision to deny or revoke a TELS award shall participate as a voting member in the appeal process for the same award. If the IRP determines that an appeal shall be reviewed, a hearing shall be held no later than ten (10) business days

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after the appeal is properly filed, exclusive of holidays and school closures. The IRP shall notify the appellant in writing of its decision no later than five (5) business days after ruling on the appeal. The notification shall include the date of the decision and pertinent facts and issues of the IRP's decision.

- (2) The TSAC Appeals Panel shall be appointed by TSAC's Executive Director for the purpose of meeting to consider appeals from decisions rendered by the IRPs and appeals submitted directly to the Appeals Panel without first being submitted to an IRP.
- (3) A student may appeal the loss of a TELS award to TSAC under the following circumstances:
  - (a) Appealing the decision rendered by an IRP. Such appeals shall be properly submitted to the Appeals Panel within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the IRP decision letter and shall include the following information:
    1. TSAC Appeal Form;
    2. Written statement outlining the basis for the appeal;
    3. Denial letter from the IRP;
    4. Official college transcripts;
    5. Proof of current enrollment; and
    6. Any other documentation that supports the student's appeal; or
  - (b) Appealing directly to the Appeals Panel without first appealing to the IRP. Such appeals shall be properly submitted to the Appeals Panel within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of notification from TSAC to the student regarding the requirements of the appeal. Appeals directly to TSAC shall include the same documentation outlined in subdivision (3)(a), with the exclusion of the requirements in (3)(a)3., and may be reviewed by the Appeals Panel under the following circumstances:
    1. Where the circumstances leading to the loss of eligibility occurred at a regionally-accredited out-of-state postsecondary institution prior to the student being enrolled, or attempting to enroll, in an eligible postsecondary institution;
    2. Where the circumstances leading to the loss of eligibility occurred at one eligible postsecondary institution prior to the student transferring to another eligible postsecondary institution;
    3. Where a student first enrolled beyond sixteen (16) months after high school graduation;
    4. Where a student withdraws from an eligible postsecondary institution while seeking eligibility as a non-traditional student;
    5. Where a student is enrolled part-time and is seeking an extension to the five-year terminating event due to a documented medical disability as certified by a licensed physician, including the relied upon certification; or
    6. At TSAC's discretion where the loss of eligibility was due to extraordinary circumstances.
- (4) A student who is unable to properly submit an appeal to the Appeals Panel prior to the forty-five (45) day deadline due to circumstances beyond his or her control, may request an extension of the forty-five (45) day deadline. Such a request shall be made in writing to the

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Appeals Panel prior to the expiration of the forty-five (45) day deadline and shall include an explanation of the circumstances requiring the extension. The appeal of a student who does not meet the forty-five (45) day deadline and does not timely request an extension shall be denied. A denial of an untimely appeal may be set aside by the Executive Director of TSAC only in extraordinary circumstances in the interest of fairness. In such cases, the Appeals Panel will consider the appeal on its merits.

- (5) The Appeals Panel shall consider each appeal no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the appeal is properly submitted, unless an extension to the forty-five (45) day deadline is approved by the Appeals Panel. The Appeals Panel shall notify the appellant in writing of a decision no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after ruling on an appeal. The notification shall include a summary of the pertinent facts and issues leading to the decision and a copy of the notification shall be sent to the appellant's home institution. A decision of the Appeals Panel made on the merits of the appeal is the final administrative remedy available to the student.
- (6) The authority of an IRP shall be strictly limited to consideration of appeals based on determinations of eligibility arising from its respective postsecondary institution. The authority of the Appeals Panel shall be strictly limited to consideration of appeals arising from an IRP or those made directly to TSAC, as authorized by these rules. Neither the IRP nor the Appeals Panel shall have the authority to rule on the validity of, or make exceptions to, high school grade point average, postsecondary grade point average, ACT or SAT scores, or any other academic eligibility requirements.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 49-4-201, 49-4-204, and 49-4-924. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 19, 2014; effective March 19, 2015.