

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Discussion Item B: Tennessee Reconnect Grant Update

Staff Recommendation: For discussion only.

Background: The Tennessee Reconnect Grant was enacted in 2017, under Public Chapter 448. The Reconnect Grant provides adult students in associate degree and certificate programs last-dollar funding for tuition and fees not covered by the Pell grant, HOPE scholarship, or TSAA. Reconnect will also provide advising services to help adults navigate the application and enrollment process, as well as continued advising services throughout the college-going experience. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or eligible four-year institutions that offer associate degrees.

Students must participate in the advising service, enroll at least part-time in an eligible institution, and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Reconnect will begin in the fall semester 2018. Staff will provide an update of the latest Reconnect figures.