

FAFSA, TN PROMISE, HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Chs Student Counseling Center**

Check out the resources on CollegeforTN.org (Take the interest inventories to see which careers are right for you)



RESOURCES & TOOLS

CollegeforTN.org is like a GPS guide for planning your journey from college to career. We've got tools and guides you can use if you're in middle school, high school, college, or beyond.

No matter where you are in the college and career process, we've got something for you.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP FINDER

Search for scholarships that match your skills and background.

Calculate how much college will cost you.

Learn about grants, scholarships, and savings programs available only to Tennesseans.

CAREER PLANNING TOOLS

Take the interest quiz to learn about careers that fit you.

Use the resume builder, cover letter generator, and interview tips to prepare for job applications.

Explore in-depth profiles of specific careers.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PROFILES

Use our College Matching Assistant to find Tennessee colleges that match your interests and needs.

Explore programs and majors, and find out which Tennessee schools offer those programs.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE PLANNING

Prepare to take the ACT and the SAT with our test prep tools.

Plan out your journey to college with our Tennessee-specific high school planning timeline.

Get advice on how to stay ahead in high school.

YOUR PERSONAL PORTFOLIO

Save and organize your college search process.

Keep track of your college applications and financial aid plans.

Connect directly with your school counselor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COLLEGEFORTN.ORG, PLEASE CONTACT:

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FOUR SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

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TN FINANCIAL AID

YOUR COLLEGE

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

TENNESSEE FINANCIAL AID

Tennessee students have access to financial aid resources and programs that are exclusive to our state. Among these are the TN Promise, HOPE Scholarship, Aspire Award, and the TN Student Assistance Award - just to name a few!

Most aid requires that you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov

To qualify for the TN Promise, fill out the application at tn.gov/tnpromise and ensure you complete all TN Promise requirements.

For more info about TN financial aid, visit CollegeforTN.org



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Types of Financial Assistance for College/School

Federal Pell Grant - Qualify based on family income and by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Full Pell Grant is \$7,395 per academic year) This is free money you do not pay back.

Tennessee Student Assistance - If funding is available, all students qualifying for Pell Grant (full or partial) will receive an additional \$2000 per academic year. \$4000 private school

HOPE Scholarship- Addressed in following slides

TN Promise Scholarship - Addressed in following slides

College Scholarships : [MTSU](#) [Tennessee Tech University](#)
[UT-Knoxville](#)

Local Scholarships - Students receive applications and notifications in the SCC google classroom and through email. Typically, starting around November/December

Tennessee Promise Scholarship

- The Tennessee Promise is a financial aid program offering two years tuition-free at a 2-year or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates.
- Tennessee Promise provides eligible students with a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship will cover tuition and fees not covered by a Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship, or TSAA.
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student to maintain the TN Promise

TN PROMISE ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS -

<https://tnachieves.org/resources/eligible-institutions/>



TN PROMISE Program Requirements

In order for students to participate in the program, they must meet several requirements and deadlines for Class of 2025:

- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/tsac-student-portal.html> by November 1
- Attend Mandatory Meeting - Tuesday, December 10 @ 10:00 am
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov (Available in December 1, 2024- Completion/Submission date Due by April 15, 2025)

Use 2023 Tax information

- Complete and log online eight (8) community service hours (After November 1 by July 1, 2025)
- Complete Financial Aid Verification through your chosen institution. (by July 15, 2025)
- Must enroll in a community college or TCAT for Fall of the year of graduation

TN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP DATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Classroom visits to fill out the TN Promise Application:

September 4-20th

Parent/Student FAFSA/TN Promise Info Night -

September 5, 5:30-6:15 pm

TN Promise Application Deadline -

November 1, 2024

FAFSA Opens -

December 1, 2024 (approximate)

Mandatory TN Promise Meeting for SENIORS ONLY (no parent/guardians)-

December 10 @ 10:00 am

FAFSA Frenzy Nights -

TBA

FAFSA Deadline for the TN Promise Scholarship -

March 15, 2025

Eight (8) Community Service Hours Due for the TN Promise -

July 1, 2025



Tennessee Hope Scholarship

TO QUALIFY:

- Apply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at www.fafsa.gov. The application will be open beginning in December 2024. Use 2023 Tax Return information
- Graduate from a TN eligible high school.
- Enroll in one of the eligible Tennessee public colleges, universities, or private colleges.
- Entering freshmen must achieve a minimum of a 21 ACT OR minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- Must enroll within 16 months following high school graduation at any eligible postsecondary institution.

Tennessee Hope Scholarship Award Amounts

- **Four-Year Institutions and Two-Year Institutions with On-campus Housing: \$4,500 per year for full-time enrollment as a freshman and sophomores; \$5,700 per year for full-time enrollment as a junior and senior.**

**THE FAFSA IS THE APPLICATION FOR THIS
SCHOLARSHIP**



Apply

<https://tennessee.edu/ut-promise/apply-high-school-seniors/>

What fees and other expenses does UT Promise cover?

The UT Promise scholarship covers tuition and mandatory fees at any UT school.

Eligibility - To be eligible to receive the UT Promise scholarship, students must have

Family household income under \$75,000 a year

Qualify for the Tennessee HOPE scholarship

Meet all requirements for the TN Promise

Fill out and submit the UT Promise Application by

December 15, 2024

The logo for UT Promise features the letters "UT" in orange and "PROMISE" in white, with a small orange graduation cap icon above the letter "I". The logo is set against a dark grey background that also contains faint, light grey silhouettes of graduation caps and stars.



Will pay any outstanding mandatory tuition and fees not met by other scholarships. (Not housing or meal plans)

To be eligible for the Tech Promise

- Have a total adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less as determined by the FAFSA
- Be accepted to Tennessee Tech University
- Receive the Tennessee Lottery HOPE Scholarship *and* be eligible for the federal Pell Grant
- Be a full-time new freshman

CCCHS Scholarship Timeline

2023-2024

September ~ *College application and exploration month in Tennessee*

Now is the time to begin submitting admission applications and scholarship applications to those schools. Many Tennessee schools will waive the application fee for the month of September.

- Apply for the TN Promise at TNpromise.gov
- All other scholarship opportunities are posted in the senior Google Classroom.

October ~

October 1 - College/Technical School Fair

Explore privately funded scholarships

Continue to meet college application and scholarship application deadlines.

November ~ TN Promise Application Closes Nov. 1

- If you plan to live on campus, make a note of when that application opens & *apply early*.
- Students should check their school email, private email and college portal/email often for important dates and information.

December~ *FAFSA Opens Dec. 1(or shortly after) and must be submitted by April 15, 2024*

- Complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov
- The FAFSA is used to calculate your *Student Aid Index [SAI]*, a measure of your family's annual ability to pay for college.
- A lower SAI increases your eligibility for need-based financial aid, such as the Federal Pell Grant.
- Financial Need equals the Cost of Attendance minus the SAI
- Students with a lower SAI qualify for more financial aid.
 - Students with a zero SAI demonstrate full financial need and qualify for more financial aid opportunities to help pay for school.
- Most deadlines for college scholarships and admission occur on or before December 1
- **Mandatory TN Promise meeting for seniors at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 10**

Scholarships continued

January ~ Local scholarship opportunities will be shared with seniors.

FAFSA Frenzy, TBA. (free help completing the FAFSA)

February ~ Local scholarship applications will be due mid-February.

March ~ FAFSA Frenzy, TBA (free help completing the FAFSA)

April 15 ~ FAFSA application deadline for TN Promise eligibility.

What you can do now

- Apply to colleges/schools - Students received an email with free application dates
- Create your FSA ID (student and parent) if you haven't already done so at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Be sure your Senior reads emails and has joined the Google classroom
- Completing the FAFSA will require 2023 tax returns (automatically uploaded when filling it out) Student portion asks them to put in an email, phone number social security and DOB to invite the parent to fill in their information
- Use a college days to visit campuses (Student need to come to the SCC for paperwork) Each student has three (3) college days
- Email me if you have any questions, want to set up an appointment to do the FAFSA after it opens, or would like a copy of this powerpoint sent to you jonesdonna@k12coffee.net



This was sent to students last month.

<https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-2025-College-Application-Video-Toolkit-v-5.pdf>

2024-2025 College Application Video Toolkit

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) has partnered with Tennessee higher education institutions to provide college application instructional videos. These videos, created by Tennessee colleges, walk students step-by-step through each college's application process. The Video link below will open the college's instructional video. The Application link will bring you to the college's admissions application or website. To celebrate Tennessee College Application and Exploration Month, many institutions are offering application fee waivers during September, and you will find the dates below.


If the institution you are looking for is not listed, please visit the institution's website for access to their college application. More schools will be added, and new videos shared during September, so please check back regularly.

College Name	Video Link	Application Link	Is this institution offering an application fee waiver?
American Baptist College		Application	No application fee
Belmont University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 21, use code "TNWEEK"
Chattanooga State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Cleveland State Community College		Application	No application fee
Columbia State Community College		Application	No application fee
Dyersburg State Community College		Application	No application fee
East Tennessee State University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, use code "TNFreeApp25"
Fisk University		Application	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30, no code needed
Jackson State Community College		Application	No application fee
Johnson University		Application	No application fee
King University	Video	Application	No application fee
Lincoln Memorial University	Video	Application	No application fee
Lipscomb University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 16 – 30, use code "THEC24"
Middle Tennessee State University		Application	Yes, Sept. 16 – 22, MTSU App only, no code needed
Milligan University		Application	Yes, Year-round, use code "BUFFALO25"
Motlow State Community College		Application	No application fee
Nashville State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Northeast State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Pellissippi State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Roane State Community College		Application	No application fee
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology		Application	No application fee
Tennessee Tech University		Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, no code needed
Trevecca Nazarene University		Application	No application fee
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 16 – 20, UTC App only, use code "freeapp25"
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 16 – 20, no code needed
Vanderbilt University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 16 - 20, no code needed
Volunteer State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Walters State Community College		Application	No application fee

Many institutions offer application fee waivers for students who are in need of financial assistance. Students with financial need should contact their college of choice and inquire about available application fee waivers or discounts.

Apply to College for FREE in Tennessee September 2024

Always Free

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|  All 24 TCATs |  Maryville College |
|  All 13 Community Colleges |  Rhodes |
|  American Baptist College |  Sewanee |
|  Carson Newman |  Trevecca Nazarene |
|  Johnson University |  Tusculum |
|  King University |  UT Southern |
|  Lincoln Memorial |  Tennessee Wesleyan |
|  Lane College | |

Free with Code

-  Austin Peay State University
 - Sept. 1-30, CODE: PeaywithJandro
-  Belmont
 - Sept. 15th-21st, CODE: TNWEEK
-  East Tennessee State University
 - Sept. 1-30th, CODE: TNFreeApp25
-  Lee University
 - Sept. 1-30th, CODE: APPLYTN
-  Lipscomb University
 - Sept. 16th-30th, CODE: THEC24
-  Milligan University
 - All Year, CODE: BUFFALO25
-  Union University
 - Sept. 1-30th, CODE: TN2025
-  UT Chattanooga
 - Sept. 16th-20th, CODE: freeapp25
-  Cumberland University
 - Sept 1-30th, CODE: CUAPPLY



TN COLLEGE APPLICATION & EXPLORATION MONTH

Free - No Code

-  Fisk University
 - Sept. 1-30th
-  TN Tech University
 - Sept. 1-30th
-  UT Knoxville
 - Sept. 16th-20th
-  UT Martin
 - Sept. 16th-20th
-  Vanderbilt University
 - Sept. 16th-20th
-  Middle TN State
 - Sept. 16th-20th
-  Bethel University
 - Sept. 1-30th
-  University of Memphis
 - Sept. 1-30th