



# Tennessee Financial Aid



To qualify for these scholarships and grants, a student must **complete the FAFSA**, be a U.S. citizen, or an eligible non-citizen (with some exceptions) and be a Tennessee resident one year prior to the application deadline. In Tennessee, to be eligible for the most amount of scholarship money and financial aid, every senior must complete the FAFSA before **April 15, 2024**. For future FAFSA-filing beyond the 2024-2025 FAFSA, the deadline will be March 1.



## Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

The HOPE Scholarship is worth up to \$2,250 per semester for freshman and sophomores and \$2,850 per semester for juniors and seniors at four-year institutions; and up to \$1,600 per semester for two-year institutions.

### Requirements:

- Minimum 21 ACT composite (or concordant equivalent on the SAT) on a national or state test date OR
- Final cumulative 3.0 GPA\* for entering freshmen graduating from eligible public or category 1, 2, or 3 private high schools

## Aspire Award

The Aspire Award provides up to \$750 per semester at four-year institutions and up to \$250 per semester at two-year institutions as a SUPPLEMENT to the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship.

### Requirements:

- Meet Tennessee HOPE Scholarship requirements AND
- Parents' or independent student's (and spouse's) adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less on tax form
- Students may receive ASPIRE or GAMS (see below), but not BOTH

## General Assembly Merit Scholarship (GAMS)

The award amount is up to \$500 per semester as a SUPPLEMENT to the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

### Requirements:

- At least a final cumulative 3.75 GPA\* AND 29+ ACT composite (or concordant equivalent on the SAT) on a national test date or state test date

## Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant

The award amount is up to \$2,000 per academic year.

### Requirements:

- Available to anyone who enrolls in a certificate or diploma program at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology and meets residency requirements

## Tennessee Promise

The Tennessee Promise is a scholarship and mentoring program that allows students in Tennessee to attend a community or technical college tuition-free. It provides students a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell Grant, the HOPE Scholarship, or the Tennessee Student Assistance Award. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 24 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institutions offering an associate degree program.

### Requirements\*\*:

- Apply for the scholarship
- Complete the FAFSA
- Attend a mandatory mentor meeting
- Apply to a community or technical college
- Complete and report eight hours of community service

## Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA)

The amount of the award is based on the institution indicated on the student's FAFSA.

Award amounts for an academic year are: four-year/two-year private - \$4,000;

and four-year public/two-year public/Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology/career schools - \$2,000.

### Requirements:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 5,846 or less on the FAFSA
- Priority for this award is given to U.S. citizens

\*GPA is based on a 4.0 scale according to the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education

\*\*Ensure that all requirements are completed before their deadlines.

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To apply for programs on this page, students must submit the **2024-25 FAFSA** at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) (available December 2023). Priority deadline is **April 15, 2024**.

## Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCAT)

Scholarship	Award Amount	Academic Requirement	Income Requirement
<b>Wilder-Naifeh</b>	\$667/trimester	TCAT Admission	None
<b>TSAA</b> TN Student Assistance Award	\$667/trimester	Financial need per FAFSA	

## Tennessee Community Colleges

Scholarship	Award Amount	Academic Requirement	Income Requirement
<b>HOPE</b>	\$1,600/semester	21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	None
<b>Aspire</b> HOPE Supplement	+\$250/semester	21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	AGI ≤ \$36,000 Adjusted Gross Income
<b>GAMS</b> HOPE Supplement	+\$500/semester	29 ACT <u>&amp;</u> 3.75 GPA*	None
<b>TSAA</b> TN Student Assistance Award	\$1,000/semester	Financial need per FAFSA	

## Tennessee 4-year Public & Private Colleges

Scholarship	Award Amount (Fresh/Soph year)	Award Amount (Junior/Senior year)	Academic Requirement	Income Requirement
<b>HOPE</b>	\$2,250/semester	\$2,850/semester	21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	None
<b>Aspire</b> HOPE Supplement	+\$750/semester		21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	AGI ≤ \$36,000 Adjusted Gross Income
<b>GAMS</b> HOPE Supplement	+\$500/semester		29 ACT <u>&amp;</u> 3.75 GPA*	None
<b>TSAA</b> TN Student Assistance Award	\$1,000/semester (public) \$2,000/semester (private)		Financial need per FAFSA	

\*All courses calculated on a 4.0 scale per the Uniform Grading Policy; an unweighted GPA at most high schools

Please visit [collegefortn.org](http://collegefortn.org) for videos, complete eligibility information including eligible Tennessee colleges, and more for each program.

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## TN Promise Checklist for the Class of 2024

- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at [tnpromise.gov](http://tnpromise.gov) by **November 1, 2023** (*application available August 2023*).
- Complete **2024-25 FAFSA** at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) by **April 15, 2024** (*2024-25 FAFSA application available December 2023*).
- Attend one mandatory meeting (*meeting date TBD*).
- Complete 8 hours of community service between **November 2, 2023 – July 1, 2024**.
- Enroll at a community college or TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT) by **August 2024**.

## Additional Financial Aid Opportunities for 2024 High School Seniors

Scholarship	Overview	Application
<b>Ned McWherter</b>	32 ACT <b>&amp;</b> 3.75 GPA* Limited # of awards	Available <a href="http://tn.gov/tsacstudentportal">tn.gov/tsacstudentportal</a> Deadline <b>February 15, 2024</b>
<b>HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant</b>	21 ACT <b>or</b> 3.0 GPA* DCS custody at age 13+ Department of Children Services	2024-25 FAFSA <a href="http://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a>
<b>STEP UP</b>	Individualized Education Program (IEP) graduates enrolling in an individualized program of student at Dyersburg State, Lipscomb, Union, University of Memphis, UT Knoxville, or Vanderbilt	2024-25 FAFSA <a href="http://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a> & STEP UP application available <a href="http://collegefortn.org/tennessee-step-up-scholarship">collegefortn.org/tennessee-step-up-scholarship</a>
<b>Dependent Children</b>	Children of law enforcement officers, firemen or EMTs who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty while employed in Tennessee	Available <a href="http://tn.gov/tsacstudentportal">tn.gov/tsacstudentportal</a> Deadline <b>July 15, 2024</b>

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**Are you an adult interested in college?**

Check out [tnreconnect.gov](http://tnreconnect.gov) to learn about **TN Reconnect**.

**Are you a military veteran?** Check out

[collegefortn.org](http://collegefortn.org) to learn about our **Helping Heroes Grant**.

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