

College Bound



IMPORTANT DATES

ACT Re-take for Seniors

Oct. 22

TN Promise Application Deadline

Nov. 1

FAFSA Application Open (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Oct. 1

TN Promise **Mandatory** Meeting

Dec. 10 (10:30 am @ SCHS)

FAFSA Completion Night

Feb. 2 5-6 pm @ SCHS

Local Scholarships Due

Feb. 17

Graduation

May 15 @ 6 pm

5 OPTIONS After High School:

TCAT School (Tennessee College of Applied Technology)
(Specific Skill Training, Certificate, or Degree)

Community College (2 year college)

University (4 year college)

Military

Work

**FIND A CAREER THAT IS GOING TO MAKE YOU
HAPPY!**



DON'T DREAD GOING TO WORK!

Interest Inventories to Help with Career Choice Selection

- Take online career interest inventories
- Look at high demand jobs at time of graduation
- www.careervoyages.gov
- www.collegefortn.org
 - <https://www.collegefortn.org/career-finder/>
- www.careerexplorer.net
- www.tcids.tbr.edu
- www.planningyourdreams.org
- www.onetonline.org

See our Career Center located behind the office

**0*Net
Online**

www.onetonline.org

**Career
Exploration
& Job
Analysis
Tool**

Research

Look at jobs of interest

Take career interest inventories

Military options

College application and acceptance requirements

Housing Options if leaving Dunlap

Scholarships Available

Researching College & Careers

How long to
complete
degree?

Will you have
to transfer to
a different
college or
university?

Cost for attending?

Do they require
freshmen to live
on campus?

Can you afford it?

**Researching
College &
Careers**

Can you stay home and take online classes?

What type of classes will you have to take?

Average salary after graduating

Is it a high demand job?

Choosing a College

What GPA or ACT
is required?

Do you meet the
requirement?

Do they have
the program
of study
you're
interested in?

What is their
application deadline?

Early Decision?

Does the college
have a separate
application for the
career choice you're
interested in?

Choosing a College

Look and
compare
costs

Public vs.
Private

Off campus
housing?

Community
College

On campus
housing?

VS.

Living at home?

University

Lottery Scholarships

Hope Scholarship

- **UP TO \$2250 per semester at a 4 year University OR \$1600 per semester at 2 year College**
- **Requirements:**
 - 3.0 GPA OR 21 ACT**
 - TN Resident for 1 year**
- **Junior and Senior college years- amount increases to \$2,850 per semester if meeting GPA requirement (College GPA 3.0)**

Hope Scholarship

3.0 GPA

OR

21 ACT

Up to \$5700 a year for 4 yr. University

Up to \$3200 a year for 2 yr. College

Technical School

Wilder Naifeh Technical Skills Grant

Eligible only at a TN Technology Center (TCAT) where you can get a technical degree or certificate

- **GPA or ACT score does not matter**
- **Only requirement is to be a TN resident for the past year**
- **Not just for high school students, for adult students also**
- **Awards up to \$2000 a year**

TN PROMISE 😊

- Last dollar scholarship
Covers tuition and fees NOT covered by pell grant, Lottery Scholarship or the TN Student Assistance Award
- Provides a mentor to make college transition smooth
- TN Promise funds cannot be used for books, supplies, transportation, living expenses, etc.
- TN Promise does not cover online fees, parking, major department fees, etc.

TN Promise

Eligibility & Requirements:

- ❑ TN Resident
- ❑ High School Graduate
- ❑ Enroll in eligible college full time in the fall semester after graduation
- ❑ Complete the TN Promise application at www.TNPromise.gov by Nov.1 (currently open to complete)
- ❑ Meet all deadlines and requirements
- ❑ Complete your FAFSA

TN PROMISE (Eligibility & Requirements)

- Attend 1 **MANDATORY** meeting (Dec. 10 @ 10:30 am)
- Apply and register at eligible college
 - College with an Associates Degree Program or TCAT (TN College of Applied Technology)
- Complete 32 hours of community service
 - *16 hrs. completed before August 2026
- Maintain a 2.0 college GPA
- Complete renewal each year by doing application, FAFSA, community service, and registering for classes

TN Promise Facts:

- Last dollar scholarship
- It will not pay more than tuition and mandatory fees
- No GPA, No ACT score, Not income based
- For any senior going to a TCAT school or 2 year college (community college)
- You must complete 32 hrs. of community service to receive funding

TN Promise Community Service Requirement

<https://tnachieves.org/community-service/>

What counts as community service?

- Job Shadowing in career field of interest
- Volunteering for an organization that you are not being paid for
- Supervised by someone other than a family member
- Activity that does not include sharing your faith

EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

- JOB SHADOWING
- BUILDING HOMES OR HELPING COMPLETE PROJECTS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OR THE ELDERLY

VOLUNTEERING AT FOOD BANK OR CHARITY RACE

- DOING LAUNDRY FOR RESIDENTS AT NURSING HOME
- PARTICIPATING IN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP EVENT

TUTORING STUDENTS

LOGGING TN PROMISE HOURS

<https://tnachieves.org/community-service/submit-cs-hours/>

Information student should collect from host or organization when completing community service:

- Contact Person's Name, Title, Organization Name, Email, and Phone Number
- Date, Hours Worked, and Task Performed

Mandatory TN Promise Meeting

-PLAN NOW-

SAVE THE DATE!

Dec. 10 @ 10:30 am

ALL SENIORS

MUST COMPLETE TN PROMISE APPLICATION

We will be completing in homeroom or classtime.

TN Promise Mandatory Meeting

- **Spring Mandatory Meeting**
- **Dec. 10 @ 10:30 am, SCHS**
- **Strict guidelines on attendance**
- **Plan now to attend**
- **To remain eligible each semester for TN Promise, you MUST attend the mandatory meeting.**

**Students Required~ Parents
Optional**

Programs at Chatt State TCAT

Dental Assisting

Sonography

EMT

Paramedic

Pharmacy Technician

Automotive

Cosmetology

Diesel Mechanics

HVAC Technician

Industrial Electrician

Mechatronics

Landscaping

Machine Tool

Massage Therapist

Medical Assisting

Motorcycle or Marine Mechanic

Surgical Technology

Welding

Cert. Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Nail Technician

Commercial Truck Driving

Industrial Maintenance

UT Promise Scholarship

★ Can only be used at UTK, UTC, or UT Martin

→ TUITION PAID IF MEETING THIS CRITERIA:

Hope Scholarship Eligible (3.0 GPA or 21 ACT)

Requirements for TN Promise Scholarship

\$75,000 or less family income

→ Apply by December on the UT Promise website

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

College Visit Days

- Does the college have Saturday Preview Visit Days?
- Open House?
- Some colleges will waive their application fees if you come visit on selected days
- Attend college info sessions for:
 - Major/Program of Study
 - Housing
 - Scholarships
 - Financial Aid
 - Admissions Process

College Tours

Visiting a campus during school hours?

Students are excused from school with proof and confirmation of **visiting the college!** Students should email the confirmation to Ms. Jody.

ATTEND COLLEGE PREVIEW DAYS OR INFO SESSIONS



Go visit, tour the campus, the city, and housing facilities before making a decision

Choosing a College

- Make it a goal to apply by Halloween
- ★ Some colleges have Nov. 1 application deadline
- ❖ Most colleges have an application fee of \$25 to \$50 when applying.
Pay with debit or credit card
- ❖ Chatt State and most of your community colleges do not have an application fee

Applying to Colleges

Apply to
all schools
interested

Clean up your
social media
accounts.

Jobs and colleges
could look at
these!

Make an
appropriate
college email
address

Does your
program of
study require a
separate
application?

Applying to Colleges

When is their deadline?

Some are as early as Nov. 1

Will you have to
take a placement
exam or provide
additional info for
acceptance?

After submitting
your admissions
application,
request your high
school transcript
from the guidance
office.

Does your
program of
study have
additional
requirements?

College Application Fees

Some Colleges have *Free App Week*

They waive their application fee :)

Look for it on schools of your choice

High School Transcript

-
- Lists high school courses taken, credits earned, and grades
 - Includes GPA, ACT Scores, Rank and Class Size
 - Needed by colleges and jobs
 - After applying to each college, request your high school transcript. (email Ms. Jody, jboynton@sequatchie.k12.tn.us, Mrs. Rachel Lee (rlee@sequatchie.k12.tn.us), come in the guidance office to request, or call 949-8221)

ACT Scores

Used to determine
scholarships, college
acceptance, and
college course
placements

ACT Scores

TCAT Admissions

Some programs require 15 or higher in Math, Reading or English

Accuplacer Test or Placement Tests

Used when you don't meet the ACT scores required for admittance or class selection

Remedial Courses (Math and English)

Required when not scoring 18 or higher in Math, Reading, or English

**Plan to retake the ACT in
October.... It's free.... Given
during school hours...no
registration needed**

UTC Admissions Requirements

2.85 HS GPA and 18 ACT

2.5 HS GPA and 21 ACT

Living on Campus at College?

- ★ Tour housing facilities (dorm with community bathroom, suite, or apartments, etc?)
- ★ Apply early for housing for best selection and choice
- ★ Pay and submit housing fees early
- ★ Check deadlines for housing application submission
- ★ Check email weekly, most colleges start assigning housing by April to May. Watch for the email to confirm housing choice or roommate selection!

Living on Campus?

★ Apply EARLY

★ Must be accepted to the college first

Transferring Schools

- If you are planning to transfer schools, check to see what classes transfer. Don't waste time or money taking classes that will not transfer or count.
- Most colleges will have an equivalency chart that shows the transfer classes they accept.
- TN Transfer Pathway
www.tntransferpathway.org

Make Yourself Look Good on Applications

- Get involved in extracurricular activities and volunteer activities
- Get your ACT score up (Retake as needed)
- The December ACT Test score may be your last chance for some colleges to determine if you are eligible for their scholarships.

Make Yourself Look Good on Applications

- Keep your grades up.
- Take challenging classes. Colleges look more at the type of classes you have taken than your GPA.

Make Yourself Look Good on Applications

- Pick classes that will help prepare you for college NOT easy classes to raise your GPA.
- Colleges don't want to see a 4.0 with all easy classes!

Letters of Recommendation

- Many applications require a letter of recommendation.
- If someone is writing a recommendation, include the writer a resume of your strengths, interests, talents, leadership skills, and educational plans. Also include activities and awards you have received.
- If someone writes you a letter of recommendation, send them a thank you note!

Applications and Applying

Make sure all applications are:

- 1) complete and correct
- 2) include everything that's been requested
- 3) Include student's full name (not your nick name)
- 4) are submitted before deadline



Selective Service for Guys

Males need to register with the Selective Service when turning 18.

Admissions and scholarships cannot be applied without registration.

www.sss.gov

College Scholarships

Look at scholarships under your intended program of study or major.

Never pay someone or a company to attend a scholarship or financial aid session. These are free!

Apply to many schools. See which offer is best.

Scholarships

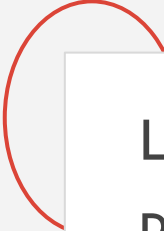
Grants

&


Financial Aid

ARE ALL FREE

College Scholarships




Look at the cost of public vs. private or living off campus/at home.




Read the fine print on scholarship offers. Double check to see if they've included a loan in their award offer. They can be very misleading!

24 ACT Score is where most competitive scholarships start awarding.



Normally the higher your ACT Score, the higher the scholarship amount.



College Scholar ships

There may be additional scholarships or grants based on your interest and needs

Your last semester grades still count for scholarship purposes.

Don't forget to request your high school transcript. This is how they verify your HS GPA and ACT score for scholarship purposes.

Keep copies of all offers and those you submit to colleges.

College Scholarship Offers

All scholarship offers (academic or athletic)
let the Guidance Office know to announce
for Honors Night

May 1 Deadline

College Scholarships

- Don't jump on the first offer. Compare and evaluate the entire picture. Look at all your options and costs.
- Does the school that offered a scholarship have
 - Your major?
 - Sport you want?
 - Location and size to your preference?

College Scholarships

- The October or December ACT may count for the last score for scholarship purposes.
- **Check your email frequently for communication from the colleges.**
Turn on notifications!

College Scholarships

- Apply EARLY
- Must be accepted to the college first before you can apply for the institution's scholarship

Guaranteed College Scholarships

- **Awarded based on your ACT score and/or GPA**

Comparing Costs:

- ★ Look at your total cost for attending college.
- ★ Compare how much you will owe for borrowing.
- ★ Look at your lifestyle needs for paying back student loans
- ★ Look at the cost of public vs. private school
Community college vs. 4 year college
- ★ Cost of living on campus or staying at home and taking online classes



College Scholarships

- If you don't receive scholarships or grants, you will be offered **low interest rates** for college loans. Think about your budget after college house payments or rental house, car loans, utility bills, insurance, etc.

College Scholarships

- Don't assume that your income makes you ineligible for financial aid. Be looking now at all your options.
- Each college has admission and financial aid counselors to answer your questions.

If you want to attend college, there are all kinds of **scholarships** available to help with costs!

RESEARCH NOW

Pay Attention to Deadlines!

- WHEN ARE THEY DUE?
 - Admissions Application
 - Housing Application
 - Scholarship Application
 - Desired Major or Program
 - Transcript
- A late application or missed deadline could result in losing a scholarship or grant!

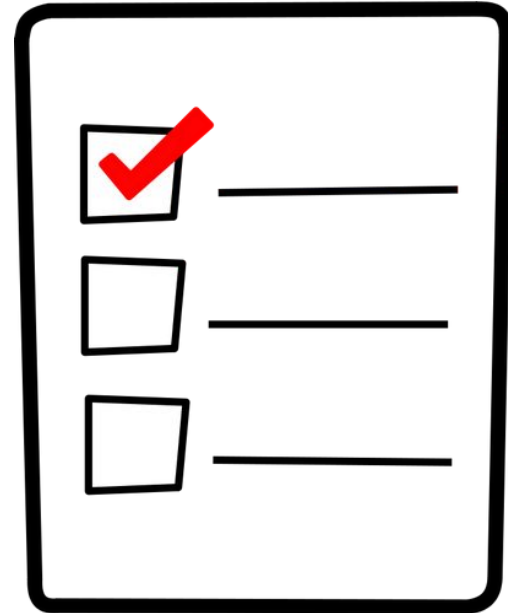
Deadlines

- Get a calendar and write down all the deadlines of when the applications and forms are due.
- Read the fine print and stay up to date with all correspondence from your prospective colleges. Read everything closely!

- **APPLY EARLY**
- **PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES**



- **CHECK COLLEGE EMAILS DAILY**
- **HAVE NOTIFICATIONS SENT TO PHONE**



Getting Organized

- Set up folders for all your college material
- Keep all your material. (Make a file for each college you are interested in applying to)
- Copy for your file everything you send to them

Getting Organized

- Indicate on your copy the date you sent the information
- Document the date and names of anyone you speak with, their department and a summary of the conversation.
- You may want a separate email account just for college purposes. **Get in the habit of checking your account frequently.** Email is normally their only way of communicating!

Email Accounts

Make a new, separate and appropriate email account for college and career related material.

**CHECK
FREQUENTLY!**

Don't use your school email address (sequatchie.k12.tn.us) when applying. Your school email will be deleted shortly after graduation.

Check college websites frequently for:

- ★ College Preview Days
- ★ Deadlines
- ★ Available Scholarships
- ★ Info Sessions
- ★ Application Fee Waivers

DEADLINES & SUGGESTIONS

- ❑ GET A CALENDAR/AGENDA TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE DEADLINES
- ❑ MAKE AN *appropriate* SEPERATE EMAIL FOR COLLEGE/CAREER RELATED MATERIAL
- ❑ CHECK YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT FREQUENTLY
- ❑ TOUR AND RESEARCH THE COLLEGE, JOB, OR MILITARY BRANCH YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
- ❑ DON'T USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS WHEN APPLYING FOR APPLICATIONS = YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE DELETED AFTER GRADUATION

FAFSA

FREE Application for Federal Student Aid

MUST COMPLETE IF ATTENDING COLLEGE

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- **FREE**
- Students and parents complete the application to get pell grants, scholarships, HOPE Scholarship, and the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Grant.
- Parents and students provide tax information to qualify.
- Official website www.fafsa.gov
- Scams are out, be careful that you are on the correct website!

FAFSA

AN APPLICATION TO REPORT THE INCOME OF
PARENTS AND STUDENTS
TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBLE GRANTS, LOANS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

after FAFSA COMPLETION

- ★ ELIGIBLE GRANTS
 - ★ PELL GRANTS
 - ★ HOPE SCHOLARSHIP
- ★ LOANS & SCHOLARSHIPS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR

FAFSA

Uses information to help calculate how much financial aid a student qualifies for:

- Federal Programs: Pell grants, subsidized student loans, and work study
- State Programs: TN Promise, Hope Scholarship and more.

Most colleges also use the information from FAFSA to calculate financial aid.

FAFSA

- www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Gets you an early start for the FAFSA. Any grade level student can complete to get an estimate of eligibility and cost for college choices.

- Priority Deadline to complete FAFSA is **April 6**
- FAFSA opens in October
- New changes starting in 2024
- Use 2024 Tax Info
- Open and submit 2026-2027 Application (think school year student will attend college)

FAFSA

- Colleges use to determine eligibility for their own institution grants, scholarships, and loans.
- Educational Opportunity Center (423-425-1702) Great resource that helps in choosing career choices, school choices, and completing your FAFSA.

FAFSA

- ★ Low income families receive grants and scholarships for completing the FAFSA
- ★ Must complete every year you're in college
- ★ Use the correct website to complete and remember it's FREE!!!

www.fafsa.gov

www.studentaid.gov

FAFSA

OPENS Oct. 1

Why do FAFSA?

- TN Promise and HOPE Scholarship Eligibility
- Student Loans
- PLUS Loans
- College Requirement
- To receive grants and federal aid
- To receive scholarships

FSA ID

- Student and Parent will create an FSA ID username and password to complete the FAFSA and sign electronically. To create as FSA ID, go to fsaid.ed.gov
- Create FSA IDs now, both parents and student should create one. Keep login and password information for easy access.
- If you already have an FSA ID, log in and retrieve now. If have issues, call 1-800-433-3243

NEW FAFSA Changes

- Student will submit their part of FAFSA
- Parent submits their part of FAFSA
- Student, & EACH Parent will create an FSA ID
- Student will invite their parents to complete the FAFSA after their submission. Parent must complete within 45 days of invitation

NEW FAFSA Changes

- Parent and student will consent for the IRS to allow their financial information to be transferred to the FAFSA from the IRS, even including non-tax filers
- New definition of parent “parent who provides the greater portion of the student’s financial support”

New FAFSA Changes

The parent who provides the most financial support must complete the FAFSA application.
Called a **CONTRIBUTOR**

FAFSA Results

SAI - (previously known as EFC)

- Student Aid Index
- Number derived from completing FAFSA
- Used to determine need based aid eligibility
- Calculation based on information you reported on your FAFSA

SAI

Four Parts used to determine SAI:

Parent Income

Student Income

Parent Assets

Student Assets

It's not the amount of money that you and your family will have to pay for college.

- It's not the amount of money you will receive to attend college.
- ❖ Only a number used by colleges to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.

Required Documents for FAFSA Submission:

- Student's 2024 Federal Tax Return
- Parent's 2024 Federal Tax Return
- 2024 W-2 Forms or year-end pay stubs
- 2024 untaxed income records, such as child support received and veterans non-education benefits
- Current information on checking and saving account balances, stock, bond, and other investments; and business and farm assets
- Student Name as it appears on your Social Security Card
- Student Social Security Number
- Student valid email address
- Parent valid email address
- Parent Name as it appears on their social security card
- Parent 's Social Security number(s)
- Parent's date of birth
- If parent was re-married... month and year of marriage
- If parents are divorced, month and year of divorce
- Number of people in your household- include parents, brothers, and sisters

FAFSA Completion Night

Come to SCHS and get help with your FAFSA

- **MUST** have made your FSA ID prior AND student completed their part of the FAFSA

**Monday Night, Feb. 2 from 5-6
pm**

federal aid

Subsidized Student Loan:

2.75% fixed

Interest does not accrue initially

Family must have financial need for approval

Up to \$5500

Unsubsidized Student Loan:

2.75 % fixed rate

Responsible for interest once loan starts

Loan amount up to \$20,500

NO financial need required to achieve loan

Direct Plus Loan

For parents and students

Responsible for interest while student is enrolled

No financial need required to achieve loan

Financial Aid Terms

COA - cost of attendance, varies by institution

SAI - Student Aid Index

SAR- Student Aid Report, summary of FAFSA information

Grant - free money based on need

Loan - money borrowed that must be paid back with interest

Scholarship - free money awarded on the basis of merit, skill, or unique characteristic

Verification - random “audit” of FAFSA

Work Study - money received from on campus employment

TN Education Lottery Scholarship

Possible Grants & Scholarships from Completing the FAFSA:

* HOPE – 21 ACT or 3.0 GPA

* General Assembly Merit Scholarship = 29 ACT and 3.75 GPA

\$Up to 500 supplement to HOPE Scholarship

* ASPIRE Grant (Needs Based Award) Eligible if your family income is \$36,000 or less and you meet the HOPE Scholarship Eligibility

Up to \$750 supplement to HOPE Scholarship

* TN HOPE Access Grant –18, 19, or 20 ACT and 2.75 minimum GPA

AND family income at \$36,00 or less

Receive up to \$1250 a semester for 4 yr. college

OR up to \$875 a semester for 2 yr. college

TSAA Award



TN Student Assistance
Award

Dollar award
amount based on
the college
choice indicated
on student's
FAFSA.

Requirement ~
Financial Aid Need
per FAFSA

Say **YES** TO
GRANTS

Say **YES** TO
SCHOLARSHIPS

CONSIDER

LOANS

ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

COLLEGE AWARD LETTERS

- **SENT OUT AFTER COMPLETION OF FAFSA**
 - **OFFERS LOANS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS FROM YOUR ELIGIBILITY**
 - **READ THE FINE PRINT - DON'T ACCEPT UNTIL SURE OF DECISION**
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BE AWARE



- ★ use credible websites
- ★ don't pay anyone to do your FAFSA
- ★ don't attend sessions you must pay to attend
- ★ don't pay company to receive a "guaranteed" scholarship

BE AWARE



★ You should only be paying for these fees during senior year:

- Admissions application fee
- Housing deposit
- Orientation Fee

TN Education Lottery Scholarship

● Ned McWherter Scholars Program

- 29 ACT and 3.5 GPA
- Highly competitive with other TN high school students
- Up to \$6,000 per academic year
- Apply at www.tn.gov/collegepays/student_portal.html
- Completed application, and transcript must be received by Feb. 15 deadline

Local Scholarships

- Our local community gives approximately \$80,000 for scholarships.
- We have approximately 30 different local scholarships.
- Any SCHS senior can apply

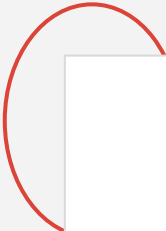
Local Scholarship Applications

- Due Feb. 17 in Guidance Office by 3:15
- If scholarship applications are turned in late, we will indicate “late” on your application.
- You’re encouraged to do all of them
- Each scholarship committee makes their decision based on the scholarship application and will announce at Honors Night.
- You will not hear if you got the scholarship until most likely Honors Night in May.


Basic Application Questions for SCHS Local Scholarships

- _____ Scholarship
- Your Name
- List all major high school activities
- List all activities you have been involved in outside of school. Include work experience, church activities, volunteer, and community service.
- What college do you plan to attend?
- What led to your interest or motivated you in choosing the career you are pursuing?
- Why are you a worthy candidate for this scholarship?

Local Scholarships Applications




Do not put
your
applications in
report covers.



Each scholarship
application goes to
a different
committee.

Most committees want
your ACT score and GPA.
The guidance office will
provide these for the
scholarship committees.

Type your responses to
the question.
Save on your flash
drive, computer or
google doc.



Local Scholarships Applications

Save each application and print

Turn into the guidance office by the deadline!

Proofread!

Make your application and you look amazing! :)

Local Scholarship Applications

If you comment you are a worthy candidate for the Dunlap Industries Scholarship....make sure you change the scholarship name when you are answering the Blake Penney Memorial Scholarship, etc.

Local Scholarships

- Students are emailed the local scholarship packet before Fall Break in a shared google doc from Ms. Jody
- You may also access it through the school's website on the guidance webpage.
- Encourage your teenager to complete sooner than later and turn in to Guidance Office

Other Scholarships

- Check with your employer, churches, banks, and local membership organizations/programs for additional scholarships.
- Check the guidance office website for updates and additional scholarship information.
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.collegefortn.org

September To Do List:

- Attend college fairs
- Ask an adult who knows you well (usually not a family member) to write you a letter of recommendation for college and scholarship applications that request one.
- Make sure you are completing all the required steps in the admission process, scholarship, and financial aid at each of your prospective schools.
- Apply early. Check now when those deadlines are and mark on your calendar. Most financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out!
- Make sure you complete all forms completely and correctly. Errors could mean delays in processing.

October To Do List:

- Take the ACT or SAT if necessary. Prepare and study to get your score up.
- Visit college open houses or visit days. Be finalizing your choices.
- Attend college fairs
- Attend financial aid sessions
- Continue to seek and apply for scholarships.
- Submit your admission application to colleges if you are applying on an "early decision" basis. Some housing choices depend on when you apply to admissions.
- Request your transcript from the guidance office once you have sent your admissions applications.
- Have you looked to see when your prospective schools scholarship requirements and deadlines are? Some deadlines are as early as Nov. 1.
- Start your FAFSA

8 Steps to College

1. Explore College and Career Options
2. Take or Re-take the ACT
3. Submit your TN Promise Application
4. Apply to College
5. Discover and Apply for Scholarships
6. Complete the FAFSA
7. Choose Your Path and Make Final College Decision
8. Transition to YOUR COLLEGE!!! :)

Cap and Gowns

- **Graduation Cap and Gown Orders**
 - Basic package of cap, gown, and diploma cover is approximately \$75- \$100. Invitations and other items can also be purchased.
 - \$100 deposit is normally due in November or mid January.



Let's talk graduation.....



Cords, Medallions, and Sashes

**Ready Graduate Medallion * Beta Club Sash * CTE Cord * Blood Assurance Cord *
Military Family Service Cord* Leo Lions Club Cord * 4-H * *ONLY SCHOOL ISSUED ARE
ALLOWED***

Honors Cord: Meet ALL ACT Benchmark areas
18 English
22 Math
22 Reading
23 Science

Distinction Cord: Industry Cert and B Average
31+ on ACT and B Average
12+ hours (4 Dual Enrollment Classes) and B
Average

State honors at a skills type competition and B
Average

**HONORS & DISTINCTION CORDS ARE BORROWED FROM THE SCHOOL, YOU CAN PURCHASE
YOUR OWN IF YOU PREFER \$25 A CORD**

College Communication

Example, Chattanooga State's "Tiger Web" or UTC's "My Mocs Account"

- Check your college accounts frequently for information about your account , deadlines, financial aid, scholarships, orientation, registration, scheduling, etc.
- They don't always send out information through the postal mail.
- It is your responsibility to check your account!
- Continue checking once you start college!

Keeping Your College Scholarships

- Review the guidelines and eligibility for your college GPA if you receive college scholarships.
- To maintain HOPE Scholarship once at college:
 - 2.75 GPA for first 48 attempted hrs.
 - 3.0 GPA 72 attempted hrs. and after
- TN PROMISE - maintain 2.0 college GPA

Dropping a Class

- BE CAREFUL – HOPE & TN Promise Scholarship requires you maintain certain hours per semester.
- Check with your financial aid advisor before dropping any class!



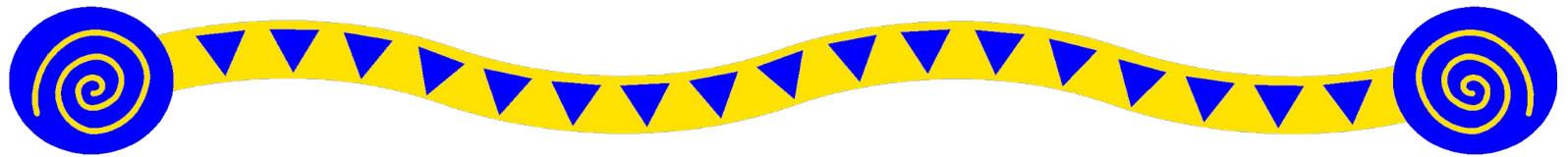
FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

- Colleges will want a final transcript after graduation (when your grades are final).
- The guidance office does not know to send a final transcript if you don't request it!

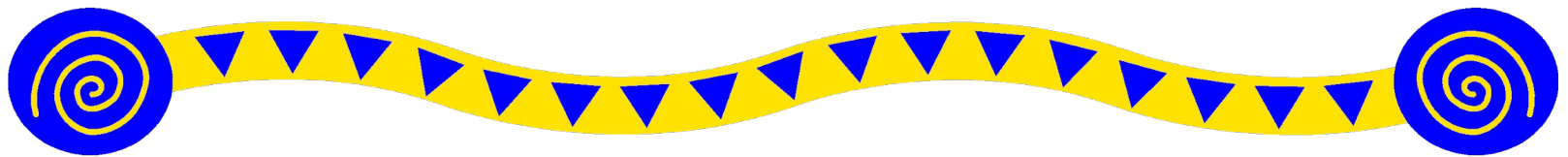
- No final transcript = delays in registration, financial aid, or scholarships!
- Students will sign up for their final transcript at graduation practice.



It's very important you request your final transcript to the college you have choose to attend!



- Continue checking your college websites for deadlines and events.



Losing College Scholarships

- IF you lose your scholarship, it may not be renewed! Be careful!!!! Study, Study, Study!!! Read all emails, submit paperwork on time, and watch deadlines!!!
- Don't let your college GPA drop below the guidelines and lose your scholarship money! Know the requirements!



HONORS NIGHT

- Turn in all scholarship offers to announce at Honors Night to the guidance office. (Athletic or Academic... Accepting or not – ANY offers.) Need by May 1.
- If you did your FAFSA and completed requirements for TN Promise, you will be recognized.



College Costs (Annually)



- **Financial Aid Award (Estimated)**

- Pell Grant \$6,895
- Hope Scholarship \$ 3,500
- TN Student Assistance Award (TSAA) \$ 1,500
- \$11,895 Possible Total Financial Aid

Private School Estimated Cost

Tuition	\$33,000
Housing/Food	\$13,000
Books	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	\$48,000 Total
(Minus)	<u>\$11,895 Fin.Aid</u>
	\$36,105 Estimated Cost

Public School Estimated Cost

Tuition	\$10,000
Housing	\$7,000
Food	\$3,500
<u>Books</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>
	\$22,200 Estimated Cost
(Minus)	<u>\$11,895 Financial Aid</u>
	\$10,305 Estimated Cost

College Costs

Community College Estimated Costs:

Tuition	\$4,500	
Travel, Food	\$5000	
<u>Books</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	
	\$10,500	Total for Community College

(Minus) -\$12,000 (Possible Financial Aid Award for 2-Year College... Pell Grant... Hope Scholarship or TN Promise Scholarship)

POSSIBLY NO COST TO ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Tuition ~ College Costs

Chatt State

\$10,500 Estimated Yearly Cost

Tuition \$ 4400

Travel & Food \$ 5000

Books \$1000

\$6,000 Yearly (if receiving TN Promise Scholarship)



UTC (Estimated Cost)

\$ 28,000 Yearly

Tuition \$ 10,000

Housing \$9,000

Food \$7,000

Books \$ 2,000



Vanderbilt Estimated \$61,000 Yearly

Tuition \$40,000 Housing and Food \$18,000 Books \$2,500

- ❑ Don't go in debt with student loans!
- ❑ BE WISE, LOOK AT THE TOTAL COST!



- ❑ State Employees receive a 25% discount
- ❑ Check with your HR department for the paperwork to complete and submit to the Bursar's Office at college for discount



HELPFUL TIPS:

- Understand the TN Promise Scholarship
- Start community service now if you haven't already (looks great on scholarship applications)
- Know all the facts when deciding which college is best for you:
 - academically
 - financially
 - in regard to your career goal



HELPFUL TIPS:

Know who your admissions and financial aid officers are and how to contact them at your college

Evaluate your financial aid awards to determine the net cost of each institution and compare your different options



HELPFUL TIPS:

Apply for the earlier orientation sessions to get best selection of college classes

Get documents submitted early for any holds your account has.

Refer to our
website for
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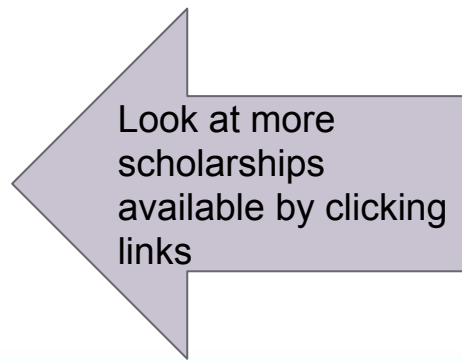
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Parents - When it's time

Let your teenager spread their wings and fly

Support them and love them

Remember, mistakes are human. Life is about learning. This transition will be hard for **EVERYONE!** Show grace!

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Here to help!!!

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