The Marjorie Watson Mathematics Scholarship

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CHATTANOOGA
Department of Mathematics

The Marjorie Watson Mathematics Scholarship is intended for an incoming freshman attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga who majors in mathematics. This is a $10,000 scholarship with $4,000 awarded in the freshman year and $2,000 awarded for each of the sophomore, junior and senior years.

This scholarship is funded from an endowment established by the estate of Marjorie Watson, who was a 1930's alumna of the University of Chattanooga (now UTC). She was a mathematics major, and her career spanned both industry and education. She was a military statistician, an analyst during World War II, a member of the team that developed the Univac computer and a mathematics instructor at her alma mater in 1936. Marjorie Watson also served as the head of the mathematics department at Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama.

To apply, students should submit the following application materials:

1. The UTC Department of mathematics Scholarship Application form, found and submitted online by visiting utc.edu/mathematics-scholarship-application or by scanning the QR Code.
2. Two letters of recommendation affirming the applicant's mathematics ability, at least one of which must be from a recent mathematics teacher.
3. Supporting materials, which should include ACT/SAT scores and high school transcripts.
4. A brief essay, no longer than two pages in length, discussing the applicant's interest in a mathematics degree and including any other relevant information the applicant would like the scholarship committee to consider.

With the exception of the scholarship application form, which is submitted online, all additional application materials should be mailed to the address provided below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Renewal of the scholarship for the sophomore, junior and senior years is subject to the recipient maintaining his or her math major status, a 3.0 overall GPA, a 3.5 mathematics GPA computed at the end of the academic year and normal progress towards a mathematics degree.

The Department of Mathematics offers both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. Of the 25 full time faculty, 18 hold doctoral degrees from universities around the world. There are currently 40 mathematics majors and 30 minors, in addition to over 30 mathematics education majors and 8 post-baccalaureate students. A number of awards are available for mathematics majors, and internships have been established with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and Unum Provident Insurance Company. In addition, opportunities are available to work directly with faculty on research and honors projects.

Application Deadline: March 6th, 2026
Application materials should be sent to either email address or mailing address:

- (Preferred) Email: mathematics@utc.edu
- Mailing address:

  UTC Department of Mathematics Scholarship Committee
  Mathematics Department 6956
  University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
  615 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403
  Tel: 423-425-4545

For more information, visit the website: utc.edu/mathematics

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