

Tennessee Financial Aid

To qualify for these scholarships, 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.

Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

The HOPE Scholarship is worth up to \$1,750 per semester for four-year institutions and two-year institutions that offer on-campus housing; up to \$1,500 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.

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.

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.

Tennessee HOPE Access Grant

The award amount is up to \$1,250 per semester for four-year institutions; up to \$875 per semester for two-year institutions.

Requirements:

- A final cumulative 2.75 – 2.99 GPA* AND 18, 19, or 20 ACT composite (or concordant equivalent on the SAT) on a national test date or state test date AND
- Parents' or independent student's (and spouse's) adjusted gross income must be \$36,000 or less on tax form
- Award is non-renewable after 24 attempted hours, however students may become HOPE Scholarship eligible.

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, four-year public - \$2,000, two-year public - \$1,300, career schools - \$2,000, and Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology - \$1,000.

Requirements:

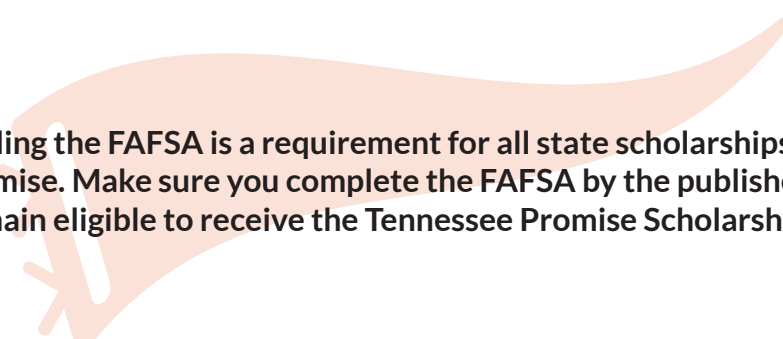
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 2,100 or less on the FAFSA.
- Priority for this award is given to U.S. citizens.

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, 27 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



Remember – Filing the FAFSA is a requirement for all state scholarships, including the Tennessee Promise. Make sure you complete the FAFSA by the published deadline to remain eligible to receive the Tennessee Promise Scholarship!