



College Application Process

Step 1:	Apply to Colleges/Tech Schools Online Some require application fees, essays, recommendation letters, etc.
Step 2:	Send your transcript/ACT scores to schools you have applied to. Link on the GHS website.
Step 3:	If the College requires a letter of recommendation, fill out the request form on the GHS website.
Step 4:	Do your FASA with your Parent/Guardian-Opens Oct. 1st.
Step 5:	Apply for Scholarships Look at the College's website for Merit Based Scholarships. Some have separate applications for this process and have deadlines as early as November 1st. Use the Scholarship Database on GHS Website and Scholarship Search Sites to find additional scholarships.
Step 6:	Retake ACT if you are trying to achieve a certain score for College Acceptance or Merit Based Scholarships.
Step 7:	You have been accepted! Now what? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turn in acceptance letters to Mrs. Keya Wilson to be announced over the intercom.• Financial aid packages will be shared by your College of choice in the Spring.• Turn in Scholarships awarded to your Counselor.



2022-2023 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.

The institutions listed are those that volunteered to create an application video. If the institution you are looking for is not listed, please visit the institution's website for access to their college application.

College Name	Video Link	Application Link	Is this institution offering an application fee waiver?
Bethel University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30, no code needed
Carson-Newman University	Video	Application	No application fee
Chattanooga State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Cleveland State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Dyersburg State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
East Tennessee State University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30, no code needed
Freed-Hardeman University	Video	Application	No application fee
Jackson State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Lincoln Memorial University	Video	Application	No application fee
Lipscomb University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 19 - 23, use code "THEC2022"
Maryville College	Video	Application	No application fee
Middle Tennessee State University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 18 - 24, no code needed
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
Rhodes College	Video	Application	No application fee
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology	Video	Application	No application fee
Tennessee Tech University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30, no code needed
Tennessee Wesleyan University	Video	Application	No application fee
Trevecca Nazarene University	Video	Application	No application fee
Union University	Video	Application	Yes, Aug. 1 - Sept. 30, use code "TN2223"
University of Memphis	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 - 30, no code needed
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 19 - 23, find code at utc.edu/admissions
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 19 - 23, no code needed
University of Tennessee, Martin	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 19 - 23
University of Tennessee, Southern	Video	Application	No application fee
Vanderbilt University	Video	Application	*
Volunteer State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Walters State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee

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

Do You Hope to be a College Athlete?



Step 1: You must complete a profile on the NCAA Clearinghouse and/or NAIA Eligibility Center as soon as possible. Please check eligibility requirements to ensure you qualify. Your senior math class must be higher than Bridge Math and you must meet the core requirements set by NCAA/ NAIA. If you are not on fee waiver, you will have to pay to complete your profile.

For NCAA Schools register at: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

For NAIA Schools register at: playmy.naia.org

Step 2: When you have completed your profile, let Mrs. Harvey in the Counseling Office know so she can upload your transcript and verify your fee waiver, if applicable. You can email her at brooke.harvey@sumnerschools.org.

Step 3: Your ACT scores must be sent directly from ACT to NCCA/NAIA. The school cannot send scores for you. To send your scores for free, we advise you to list NCAA and NAIA to receive your scores when we bubble for the Senior ACT retake in October. If you wait to send your scores later, you will have to login to www.act.org and pay to have your

TENNESSEE PROMISE

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

AUGUST 1, 2022	Class of 2023 TN Promise Application Opens at TNPromise.gov
OCTOBER 1, 2022	2023-2024 FAFSA opens at FAFSA.gov
NOVEMBER 1, 2022*	Class of 2023 TN Promise Application Closes
DECEMBER 2022- JANUARY 2023*	Attend Mandatory TN Promise Meeting Assigned based on your high school!
MARCH 1, 2023*	2023-2024 FAFSA Filing Deadline
SPRING 2023	Connect with tnAchieves Mentor
APRIL 1, 2023	Summer 2023 Community Service Deadline
JULY 3, 2023*	Fall 2023 Community Service Deadline
FALL 2023*	Enroll as a full-time student at a TN Promise eligible institution.

*Failure to adhere to TN Promise requirements results in the **permanent loss** of TN Promise scholarship eligibility.

THEC TSAC

How to Create a Portal Account

If you already have an account; see next page.

1. Using Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari, etc., go to **tn.gov/tsacstudentportal**
2. Click **Create a Log In**
3. Create your account – the following is required



- Username – must be 6-25 numbers and letters (no spaces)
 - First name (use first name from Social Security Card)
 - Last name
 - SSN (Social Security Number)
 - Date of birth – MMDDYYYY format
 - Email (students should use a **personal email** rather than a school-issued email)
 - Reenter email
 - Password (e.g. Fall2@21)
 - Cannot contain first name, last name, or username
 - Must be 8 – 25 characters
 - Must include 1 uppercase letter
 - Must include 1 lowercase letter
 - Must include 1 number
 - Must include 1 character from this list ~!@#\$%^&* _-+=`|\(){}[];'"<>.,?/
 - Reenter password (e.g. Fall2@21)
 - Challenge questions – select three different questions; **answers must be at least four characters**
 - Select a personal image
 - Check the box beside “I acknowledge by gaining...” statement
 - Click **Create My Account** (do **not** hit enter on keyboard)
4. Once your TSAC Student Portal account has been created, click the hyperlink reading **Click here to log in to your account and apply online.**

You are NOT finished! (TURN PAGE OVER!)

Please call the call center at 800-342-1663 between 8:00a – 4:30p CT for login assistance.

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How to Complete TN Promise Application

5. Enter your username and password and click **Log In**.



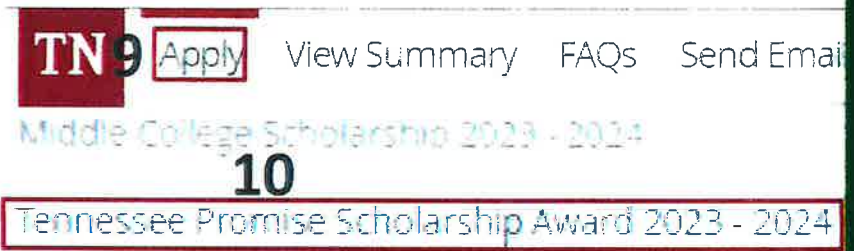
6. Answer your challenge question and click **Continue**.

7. Confirm your personal image and click **Continue**.



8. Read the user agreement and click **Accept**.

9. Click **Apply**.



10. Scroll down and click **Tennessee Promise Scholarship Award 2023 – 2024**.

11. Click **I Agree** on the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Certification and Authorization screen.

12. Complete the Tennessee Promise Application – the following is required

- Email (students should use a **personal email** rather than a school-issued email)
- Reenter email
- Parent/Guardian's first name
- Parent/Guardian's last name
- Parent/Guardian's phone number
- Parent/Guardian's email (check the box if parent does not have email)
- Select a Promise eligible college
 - If Promise is your backup plan, select your local community college or TCAT.
- Click high school
 - Home school students and GED/HiSet earners select accordingly.
- Select your high school from the dropdown list
- Enter your high school graduation date – MMDDYY format

13. Click **Continue** to submit the application.

14. Click **Done** on the Application Confirmation screen.

15. Check your email to ensure receipt of a **Tennessee Promise Scholarship confirmation** email.

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FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

**2023-2024 FAFSA opens October 1, 2022 at
www.fafsa.gov**

- ✦ **Every student going to college/trade school must compete a FAFSA application. It serves as the HOPE SCHOLARSHIP and STATE/FEDERAL AID APPLICATION. It is also required as part of the TN PROMISE application process.**
- ✦ **Both student AND parent must create an FSA ID to login and electronically sign at the end of the FAFSA application.**
- ✦ **Creating an FSA ID will require verification using a mobile number and an email address. Students must use a person email address and NOT their school email.**
- ✦ **You MUST complete FAFSA every year that you are in College or Tech School so it is important to SAVE YOUR USERNAME and PASSWORD!**

**To remain TN Promise eligible, the FAFSA must be
complete by March 1st, 2023**

How Financial Aid Works

Finding Sources of Financial Aid

Very few students receive all of their financial aid for college from one source. When you are searching for financial aid, consider a wide variety of options and apply to as many programs as possible. Here are some common types of organizations that offer financial aid:

- **The government:** The Federal Government offers over \$150 billion in aid each year. Likewise, Tennessee offers millions of dollars to its students. Visit studentaid.ed.gov to learn about federal programs and visit www.tn.gov/CollegePays and www.CollegeforTN.org for Tennessee opportunities.
- **Your college:** Colleges and universities offer financial aid programs for their students. Visit the financial aid webpages of every college you are considering, and apply for all of the scholarships you think you might be eligible to receive.
- **The community:** Non-profit organizations, foundations, and businesses often provide scholarships as a community service. To find these programs, talk to your counselor or check out the scholarship finder on www.CollegeforTN.org.

Types of Financial Aid

Grants

Grants are free money — they don't have to be repaid. Grants come from the State and Federal Government as well as from colleges. Generally, grants are based on financial need, which means that they are awarded based on your family's size and financial circumstances.

Scholarships

Scholarships are also free money and don't need to be repaid. Scholarships can come from a variety of places, from state and federal governments, to colleges, to private companies. Scholarships may be awarded based on your financial need, academic achievement, community service, athletic talent, and many other factors.

Loans

Loans are money that you borrow from a bank, government, or private lending company. A loan must be repaid with interest. Loans offered by the government often have lower interest rates and can be repaid over an extended period of time. Visit www.studentloans.gov for more information.

Work study programs

Work study allows you to receive funds through part-time employment while you are enrolled in college and can help you pay part of your college costs. Unlike other campus jobs, students apply for work study by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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