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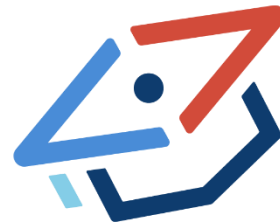
# Great Ideas: Best Practices for College App & Exploration Month and Beyond

September 13, 2024

# Agenda

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- **What is TN College Application & Exploration Month?**
- **Bradley Central HS: College App + Tennessee Promise Day**
- **Kenwood HS: College App Month Activities**
- **LaFollette Middle School: Adulting 101 Game**
- **Q & A**

# College Access and Outreach Bureau



**OUTREACH  
TEAM**

**COLLEGE  
FOR TN**

**ADULT  
LEARNER  
INITIATIVES**



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**TN COLLEGE  
APPLICATION  
& EXPLORATION  
MONTH**

**September 1 - 30, 2024**

# Overview

- **The goal of this event is to build excitement and knowledge around the college application process at all grade levels and provide every graduating senior with an opportunity to apply to college.**
- **Activities for younger students should focus on college and career exploration.**

# Our Most Popular Resource

## EVENT RESOURCES

### 2024 -2025 College Application Video Toolkit & Application Fee Waivers

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has partnered with several 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. Fee waiver dates are listed along with any code that might be needed.

Be sure to check back regularly as more schools and videos will be added during September.

[2024-2025 COLLEGE APPLICATION & APPLICATION FEE WAIVER TOOLKIT](#)

[2024-2025 COLLEGE APPLICATION VIDEO TOOLKIT PLAYLIST](#)

<https://www.collegefortn.org/tn-college-application-exploration-month/>

# Why Apply Day is Friday, September 20th

We encourage everyone to wear college gear and share why they believe students should apply to college, using the hashtags #WhyApply and #TNCollegeAppMonth.

Not sure what to post? You might:

- Print off the WHY APPLY Template, write a reason students should apply to college, and post a photo of you holding it
- Type a short response in your status
- Make a video of yourself, your kids, or your students answering the question
- Draw a picture depicting your reasons
- Share an image or photo with your reason

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WHAT  GREAT

**IDEA**

# Bradley Central High School

Cleveland, TN



- **Bradley County Schools**
- **Bradley County Population: 110,616**
- **Total BCCHS Students: 1,682**
- **Total BCCHS Seniors: 421**
- **College Access Program: GEAR UP TN**  
(Through July 2024)



# Bradley Central High School



## TN Promise & College Application Workshop

Thursday, September 19 | 8:30-11:10



Please attend the sessions in the order they appear on the schedule below.

**8:30 – 8:40 Opening Session:** All seniors meet in the Fine Arts Center for brief instructions

**8:45 – 9:30 Session 1:** Fine Arts Center – College & Career Presentation

**9:35 – 10:20 Session 2:** College Applications | Options Below

Cleveland State – Library

Chatt State – FAC Lobby

TCAT Athens – Galloway (E8)

Lee University – Hamilton (E9)

TWU – Sutton (A7)

Sewanee – Peck (A11)

**10:25 – 11:10 Session 3:** Cafeteria – TN Promise Application + UT Promise App

**11:10:** Students return to regular schedule

# Keys to Success

- Administrative & Faculty Support
- Workshop Schedule
  - What sessions will you include?
  - Where will sessions be held?
  - How will you divide students?
  - Who will help? Volunteers are crucial!
- Prepare students in advance



# Kenwood High School

Clarksville, TN



- **Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools**
- **Montgomery County Population: 239,872**
- **Total Kenwood Students: 1,291**
- **Total Seniors: 291**
- **College Access Program: Advise TN**











# LaFollette Middle School

Jacksboro, TN



- **Campbell County Public Schools**
- **Campbell County Population: 40,223**
- **Total LMS Students: 394**
- **Feeder High School: Campbell County High School**

# ADULTING 101

Career Simulation Game

# Adulting 101

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Adulting 101 is designed to help students make budgeting decisions, understand the connection between higher education and career advancement, and experience the consequences and rewards of “adulting.”

# Overview of the game

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In the game, each student receives a card that includes their career, their level of education (high school, TCAT, associate degree, bachelor's degree, or advanced degree), their monthly paycheck, family size, and family scenario.

With this information, students will become members of the thriving metropolis of Volunteer Station, a fictional Tennessee town, and will need to purchase housing, transportation, utilities, food and home goods, and insurance. Students beware: bumps in the road, like a doctor's visit or an unexpected expense, may pop up from the mysterious "green reaper," whose randomly distributed cards introduce an element of chaos into even the most balanced budget!

Students who experience a "budget-busting" scenario will work with a "Financial Coach" to reflect on their choices and revamp their spending. Students whose career does not require a postsecondary credential can visit the Tennessee Reconnect station, based on Tennessee's [adult learner scholarship](#) to earn a credential and take their career to the next level!

# WHO AM I card?

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**LIFEGUARD**  
*Hospitality and Tourism*

TN Average Annual Salary: **\$18,550**

Education Required: **High School**      TN Reconnect Eligible: **Yes**

**Job Description**  
Watches swimming areas and makes sure that swimmers at pools, lakes and beaches are safe. A lifeguard also enforces swimming safety rules, rescues swimmers, and treats accidents as needed.

**YOUR MONTHLY SALARY: \$1,546**

**Family Description**  
You are the sole provider for your family. Your partner has been laid off and is unable to find stable employment. You have two children, a boy and a girl, who are both in elementary school.

Number in Family: **4**      Minimum # of Bedrooms: **3**

Monthly Additions/Deductions: **\$0**

Partner's Monthly Salary: **\$0**

**Monthly Household Income: \$1,546**

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**Job Title and Gross Salary**  
Salaries/Wages based on actual salaries in TN

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**Job Description**  
Provides information about the student's job including responsibilities and tasks that someone with this job would encounter.

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**Family Information**  
Gives general family information.

Many different types of families, living arrangements, and children.


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**Monthly Household Income**  
Deductions and additions are already taken into account. Players will start the game with the Monthly Household Income in their expense ledger.

# Expense Ledger/Check List

## EXPENSE LEDGER/ CHECK LIST

Students will use this front/back document throughout the game to keep track of their expenses. The Check List shows students all of the items they must purchase in the game. And, the expense ledger allows students to keep track of their budget. On the expense ledger, students will begin by writing down their monthly household income and deducting expenses from there.



**CHECKLIST OF THINGS I HAVE TO HAVE**


- Housing (With Minimum Number of Bedrooms) - *TN Treasures Real Estate*
- Vehicle - *New Wheels Dealership*
- Car Insurance - *Just In Case Insurance*
- Health Insurance - *Just In Case Insurance*
- Fuel for Car - *Get Goin' Gas Station*
- Groceries - *Super Foods Market*
- Electricity - *Plugged In Energy*
- Gas for Heat - *Plugged In Energy*
- Water - *Plugged In Energy*
- Sewage - *Plugged In Energy*
- Trash - *Plugged In Energy*
- Furniture for Minimum Number of Bedrooms - *Smoky Mountain One Stop*
- Stove - *Smoky Mountain One Stop*
- Refrigerator - *Smoky Mountain One Stop*
- Visit to the Doctor - *Dogwood Medical Center*

**ABOUT MY HOUSE**

House # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location:  Located near downtown  
 Located within city limits  
 Located outside city limits

**ABOUT MY CAR**

Car # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Car \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENSE LEDGER**

No.	Expense Paid	Amount	Balance
1	Deposited Paycheck		
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Students will visit several "stations" during the event

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## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The chart below outlines the recommended number of volunteers you will need to work at each station. You are encouraged to recruit community members to volunteer at stations in the game. The game becomes even more realistic for students when you recruit volunteers to work at stations that are similar to their current professions (ex- a real estate agent working at TN Treasures Real Estate).

For the game to run as smoothly as possible, it is recommended that you host a volunteer training before the game to review all of the details with volunteers. Volunteer training documents are provided. During the training, it is helpful for volunteers to play or talk through the game together using one of the "Who Am I?" cards as an example and completing an expense ledger.

STATION	ROLE	SUGGESTED # OF WORKERS
Who Am I?	Distribute "Who Am I" life scenario cards and budget templates/checklists to players	2
New Wheels Dealership	"Sell" players a vehicle from a provided list of options	3
TN Treasures Real Estate	"Sell" players a home/apartment to purchase or rent from the provided listings	3
Plugged In Energy	Using a provided list of options, assist players with the purchase of essential services (gas, water, sewer, trash, etc) and any non-essential services (cable, internet, etc)	2
Just In Case Insurance	Assist players with purchasing auto, health, and/or homeowners/renters insurance from a provided list of choices	3
Get Goin' Gas Station	Using a provided pricing chart, assist players with budgeting for gas using their selected vehicle and house location details	2
Super Foods Market	Assist players with budgeting for monthly food costs based on their family size	1
Smoky Mountain One Stop Shop	"Sell" players appliances, furniture, and electronics for their home/apartment	2
Dogwood Medical Center	Distribute "diagnosis cards" to players at random that list various medical expenses they will need to include in their budgets (ex- root canal, glasses, etc)	1
The Green Reaper	Circulate through the room distributing "Green Reaper" cards at random. These cards contain descriptions of unforeseen expenses that players will need to include in their budgets (ex- car trouble, home repairs, etc)	1
Financial Coaching	Provide financial counseling by reviewing budgets and options with players who have run out of money during the game.	3
TN Reconnect	Counsel players who have received scenario cards for jobs without college degrees on options to return to school to advance their career.	2

## Best Practices: Student Instructions

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One of the most important things you can do is provide an overview of the game BEFORE the event. The CollegeForTN website has all the materials you will need available for download including a PowerPoint called "Student Instructions."

We recommend meeting with all classes and review the PowerPoint with the students.

## Best Practices: Organizing the groups

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- At our school, we divided the 8th grade into two groups. Last year we had approximately 100 students. Half of the students played the game (for 60 minutes) while the other half attended two presentations:
  1. CTE teacher from local high school shared information about the various programs available
  2. TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology) representative presented information on all the programs offered at the local TCAT

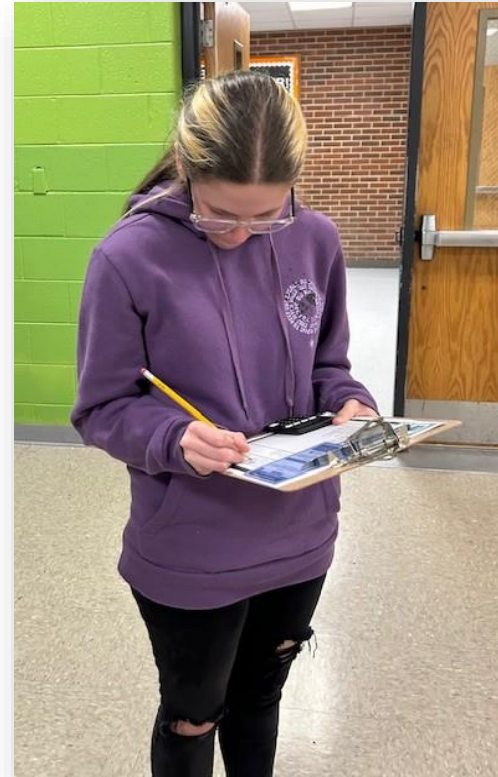


## Student materials for the game

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Students will need:

- Clipboard
- Pencil
- Ledger (provided on CollegeForTN website)
- Checklist of places to visit (provided on CollegeForTN website)
- Calculator



Best Practices: Use a large space for the game such as the cafeteria or gymnasium

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# Questions about Adulting 101

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