



Tennessee Reconnect Grant

Tennessee Reconnect is a grant for adults to earn an associate degree, technical certificate, or technical diploma, tuition free.

The Tennessee Reconnect Grant is a last-dollar grant that pays the remaining balance of tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied.

The Tennessee Reconnect Grant is available for adults who want to pursue associate degrees, technical degrees, or technical diplomas at a Tennessee community college or technical college.

The Tennessee Reconnect Grant can also be utilized at an eligible public or private college or university towards an eligible associate degree, but it is not a last dollar grant.

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Tennessee Reconnect Grant:

- Be a Tennessee resident
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Complete the FAFSA and be classified as an independent student OR be at least 23 years of age on or before January 1st of the academic year
- Not be incarcerated*
- Not have previously earned an associate or baccalaureate degree
 - Exception: **TCAT Reconnect**-remain eligible with degree
- Not be in default on a student loan program
- Must submit transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Be admitted to an eligible institution and enrolled at least part time (minimum 6 hours) in courses leading to a certificate or associate degree
- If attending TCAT, be admitted and enrolled full-time and in pursuit of a certificate or diploma

*Currently incarcerated individuals (if eligible) may work with Re-Entry Navigators to prepare for attendance upon release.

Five easy steps to Reconnect:

- 1. Connect with a Reconnect Navigator at <https://tnreconnect.gov/Talk-to-a-Navigator>.**
Complete the quick interest form and someone will reach out with next steps.
- 2. Complete the application at <https://tnreconnect.gov/TN-Reconnect-Grant-Application>.**
Complete the application and review your results from the Tennessee Reconnect Success Plan.
- 3. Apply to your local community college or eligible Tennessee Reconnect institution.**
- 4. File the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.**
Contact your local community college or Tennessee Reconnect Navigator if you need assistance with the FAFSA.
- 5. Enroll in a degree or certificate program at least part-time and launch your future.**