

TN State Aid Summary

Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCAT)

Scholarship	Award Amount	Academic Requirement	Income Requirement
Wilder-Naifeh	\$667/trimester	TCAT Admission	None
TSAA TN Student Assistance Award	\$667/trimester	Financial need per FAFSA	

Tennessee Community Colleges

Scholarship	Award Amount	Academic Requirement	Income Requirement
HOPE	\$1,600/semester	21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	None
Aspire HOPE Supplement	+\$250/semester	21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	AGI ≤ \$36,000 Adjusted Gross Income
GAMS HOPE Supplement	+\$500/semester	29 ACT <u>&</u> 3.75 GPA*	None
TSAA TN Student Assistance Award	\$1,000/semester	Financial need per FAFSA	

Tennessee 4-year Public & Private Colleges

Scholarship	Award Amount (Fresh/Soph year)	Award Amount (Junior/Senior year)	Academic Requirement	Requirement Income
HOPE	\$2250/semester	\$2850/semester	21 ACT or 3.0 GPA*	None
Aspire HOPE Supplement	+\$750/semester		21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA*	AGI ≤ \$36,000 Adjusted Gross Income
GAMS HOPE Supplement	+\$500/semester		29 ACT <u>&</u> 3.75 GPA*	None
TSAA TN Student Assistance Award	\$1,000/semester (public) \$2,000/semester (private)		Financial need per FAFSA	

*All courses calculated on a 4.0 scale per the Uniform Grading Policy; an unweighted GPA at most high schools

To apply for the scholarships and grant outlined above, families must submit the **2026-27 FAFSA** at studentaid.gov (anticipated availability October 1, 2025). Priority deadline is **March 1, 2026**.

TN Promise Checklist for the Class of 2026

- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at tnpromise.gov by **November 1, 2025** (application available August 2025).
- Complete **2026-27 FAFSA** at studentaid.gov by **March 30, 2026** (2026-27 FAFSA application available December 2025).
- Attend one mandatory meeting (**meeting date TBD**).
- Complete 8 hours of community service between **August 1, 2025 – July 1, 2026**.
- Enroll at a community college or TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT) by **August 2026**.

Additional Financial Aid Opportunities for 2026 High School Seniors

Scholarship	Overview	Application
Ned McWherter	32 ACT <u>&</u> 3.75 GPA* Limited # of awards	collegefortn.org/tsacstudentportal Deadline March 1, 2026
HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant	21 ACT <u>or</u> 3.0 GPA* DCS custody at age 13+ Department of Children Services	2025-26 FAFSA studentaid.gov Deadline September 1, 2026
STEP UP	Individualized Education Program (IEP) graduates enrolling in an individualized program of student at Dyersburg State, Lipscomb, Union, University of Memphis, UT Knoxville, or Vanderbilt	2025-26 FAFSA studentaid.gov & STEP UP application available collegefortn.org/tennessee-step-up-scholarship Deadline September 1, 2026
Dependent Children	Children of law enforcement officers, firemen or EMTs who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty while employed in Tennessee	collegefortn.org/tsacstudentportal Deadline September 1, 2026

*All courses calculated on a 4.0 scale per the Uniform Grading Policy; an unweighted GPA at most high schools

Are you an adult interested in college? Check out tnreconnect.gov to learn about **TN Reconnect**.

Are you a military veteran? Check out collegefortn.org to learn about our **Helping Heroes Grant**.