



TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS

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Tennessee Expands Direct Admissions Statewide TN Promise Application Opens Early on April 1 for the Class of 2027

TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS SIMPLIFIES THE PATH TO COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING



For the Class of 2027, all eligible Tennessee Promise applicants will receive a TN Direct Admissions letter from Governor Bill Lee. All letters will include a list of the colleges and technical schools where students have been accepted **AND** the estimated grants and scholarships they are on track to receive at each.

Expected to reach roughly 70,000 public, private, and homeschool students statewide, TN Direct Admissions offers personalized admissions and financial aid information without having to apply, or pay application fees, to more than 60 colleges and technical schools across the state. To participate in TN Direct Admissions, a student must complete the TN Promise application and be eligible for state aid.

PROJECTED TIMELINE

- **April 1, 2026** – TN Promise application opens for juniors.
- **May 15, 2026** – Secure portal opens for 6th semester HOPE GPA upload (State Uniform Grading Policy).
- **August 17, 2026** – GPA upload deadline for 1st round of letters. Mid-September arrival.
- **September 8, 2026** – 2nd round GPA deadline. Early October arrival.
- **October 5, 2026** – 3rd round GPA deadline. Early November arrival.
- **November 2, 2026** – TN Promise application closes. Final round GPA deadline. Late November arrival.

UPDATES AT A GLANCE

The new timeline offers distinct benefits for students and school districts:

- Provides a convenient touchpoint for college planning conversations in the junior year.
- Juniors applying for the state’s dual enrollment grant in the spring can complete their TN Promise application at the same time.
- Arrival of letters aligning with TN College Application & Exploration Month in September allows fall college fairs and campus visits to focus on real choices, not uncertainty.

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