



UNDERSTANDING TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS

A GUIDE FOR TENNESSEE FAMILIES

Counselor Presentation



A background image of a classroom with rows of wooden desks and yellow chairs. A green bulletin board is visible on the left wall.

WHAT IS TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS?

EVERY TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL.

TN Direct Admissions is available statewide for the Class of 2027 and includes eligible students attending Tennessee public, private, and home schools.

More than 60 Tennessee colleges and technical schools are participating.

MORE PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE.

TN Direct Admissions lets eligible Tennessee students see where they've been accepted for admission without submitting traditional college applications.

Eligible students will also see the estimated grants and scholarships they are on track to receive at the schools where they have been accepted for admission.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

A FULL LIST OF THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS

Tennessee Colleges of Applied
Technology (TCATs)
Tennessee Community Colleges
Austin Peay State University
Bethel University
Bryan College
Christian Brothers University
Cumberland University
East Tennessee State University
Fisk University
Freed-Hardeman University
Johnson University
King University

Lane College
Lee University
LeMoyne-Owen College
Maryville College
Middle Tennessee State University
Milligan University
Southern Adventist University
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Wesleyan University
Trevecca Nazarene University
Tusculum University
Union University
University of Memphis

University of Tennessee at
Chattanooga
University of Tennessee at Martin
University of Tennessee Southern
Welch College
William R Moore Technical College





THE GOAL OF TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS

MAKING THE PATH TO COLLEGE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND

The traditional college application process can involve:

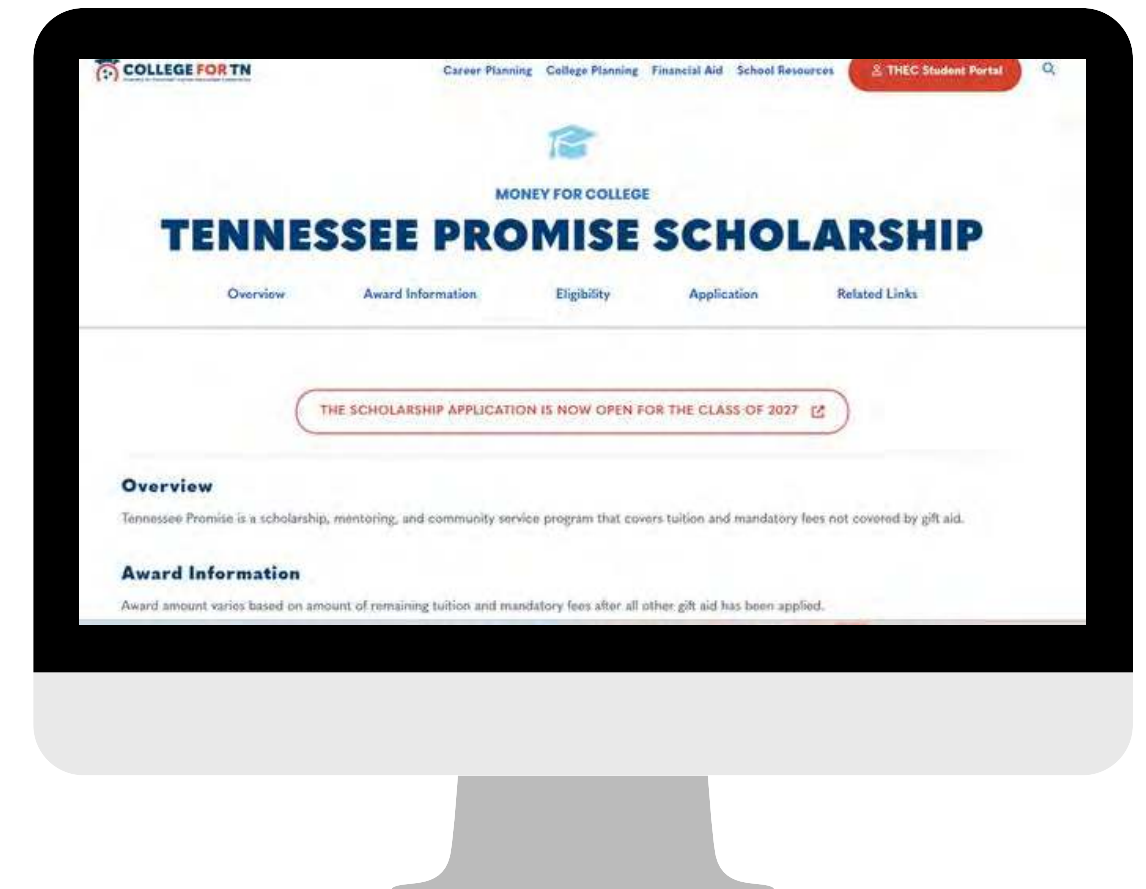
- Finding colleges
- Completing applications
- Paying application fees
- Waiting for admissions decisions
- Comparing separate admissions and financial aid offers

TN Direct Admissions simplifies this process.

HOW DOES A STUDENT RECEIVE A LETTER?

STEP 1: TN PROMISE

Student completes the TN Promise application in order to be eligible to receive a TN Direct Admissions letter.



STEP 2: RECEIVE A DIRECT ADMISSIONS LETTER

Student receives a personalized TN Direct Admissions letter, which offers proactive acceptance and financial aid estimates at participating Tennessee technical schools, colleges, and universities.



WHAT'S IN THE LETTER?

A STUDENT'S LETTER WILL SHOW:



A list of universities, colleges, and technical schools where they have been accepted for admissions with a QR code they will scan to claim their spot.



Estimates of what state and institutional financial aid is available to them based on their grades, test scores, and other criteria.



Information to help your student explore their options.

TN DIRECT ADMISSIONS
POWERED BY TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

YOU'RE IN!

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been accepted for admission to college in Tennessee. You may also be eligible for scholarships!

SCAN HERE TO CLAIM YOUR SPOTS

YOUR NEXT STEPS

Review your personalized list of colleges and financial aid estimates. Scan the QR code or log in to your **THEC Student Portal** to claim your spots!

TENNESSEE FINANCIAL AID

You might be eligible for the following scholarships as a Tennessee resident

TN PROMISE
TN Promise is a **last-dollar scholarship** covering **all tuition and mandatory fees** for an associate degree or certificate at any Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) or community college. **Some tuition and fees** are also covered at some four-year institutions.

TN HOPE SCHOLARSHIP
The HOPE Scholarship can provide up to **\$4,500 per year** for a four-year degree. You must have a **21 ACT** or a **3.0 GPA** when you graduate from high school to earn this scholarship.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (GAMS)
GAMS can provide up to **\$1,000 per year** for students who earn a minimum **3.75 GPA** and a **29 ACT**.

YOUR COLLEGE CHOICES

The colleges on the next page have admitted you through TN Direct Admissions!

IMPORTANT: You have been accepted for admission to the college itself, not individual majors or programs, which may have additional eligibility requirements. **Some colleges and universities on your list may have deadlines for you to claim your spot and remain eligible for listed scholarships.**

Explore your options now to make sure you don't miss out. Your college choices will follow up with you with important next steps. Stay on track for graduation and keep your grades up!

Talk it over with a parent or guardian. Research the schools listed and what skills and abilities could be gained from the programs they offer. **Which choice makes the most sense for your future?**

Visit CollegeforTN.org for help with financial aid, career exploration, and college planning.

UNDERSTANDING THE DIRECT ADMISSIONS LETTER

COMMON FAMILY QUESTIONS

WHAT IF WE DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER YET?

If your student is eligible to receive a letter and hasn't yet, **don't worry!**

TN Direct Admissions letters will be sent in multiple waves. Students can continue exploring programs and working with their school counselor to plan their next steps.

DOES MY STUDENT HAVE TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE COLLEGES?

No. A TN Direct Admissions letter gives your student an opportunity, not an obligation.

Students should compare their options and choose the college, university, or technical school that best fits their goals.

WHAT DOES AN ESTIMATED FINANCIAL AID AMOUNT MEAN?

An estimate is not a final financial aid award.

Your family should still complete the FAFSA, review each college's financial aid information, understand financial aid eligibility requirements, and compare total costs.



AFTER CLAIMING A SPOT

CLAIMING A SPOT IS NOT THE FINISH LINE.

Families should help students:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Review financial aid options
- Complete required enrollment steps
- Visit campuses, if possible
- Compare college options and costs
- Make a final decision



WHAT SHOULD FAMILIES LOOK AT?

SOME HELPFUL CONSIDERATIONS

ASK YOUR STUDENT:

- What colleges are you interested in?
- What do you want to study?
- What offers did you receive in your TN Direct Admissions letter?
- What scholarships can you apply for?
- Have you started your FAFSA?
- What questions do you have?
- Encourage students to: explore, compare, and plan.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Program
 - Does the school offer the major/career path my student wants to pursue?
- Cost
 - What will we actually pay?
- Location
 - Is the campus location a good fit?
- Support
 - What student support is available?
- Career
 - Will this college help my student reach their career goals?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK!

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE:

- Can you help my student understand their TN Direct Admissions letter?
- Which colleges offer the major/program my student might be interested in?
- Can you help my student complete the TN Promise application?
- Can you help my family complete the FAFSA?
- How do we compare these financial aid estimates?
- What does my student need to do next?





WHERE CAN WE GET HELP?

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Visit CollegeForTN.org for more information about TN Direct Admissions, financial aid, and college and career planning resources.

