



## 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 Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT).

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.

## Tennessee Reconnect Grant Eligibility Requirements

- » Be a Tennessee resident
- » Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- » Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (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

### Connect with a Reconnect Navigator

Visit [tnreconnect.gov/Talk-to-a-Navigator](https://tnreconnect.gov/Talk-to-a-Navigator) and complete the quick interest form and someone will reach out with next steps.

### Complete the Reconnect Application

Complete the application at [tnreconnect.gov/TN-Reconnect-Grant-Application](https://tnreconnect.gov/TN-Reconnect-Grant-Application) and review your results from the Tennessee Reconnect Success Plan.

### Apply to College

Complete the admissions application to your local community college or eligible Tennessee Reconnect institution.

### File your FAFSA

Contact your local community college or Reconnect Navigator if you need assistance with the FAFSA.

### Enroll in College

Enroll in a degree or certificate program at least part-time and launch your future.