



A QUICK GUIDE TO ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

WHAT IS TENNESSEE PROMISE?

Tennessee Promise offers up to two and a half years of tuition-free community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates. This last-dollar scholarship covers tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell Grant, TELS, and TSAA. Students may also receive a mentor for guidance as they enter higher education and must participate with a partnering organization.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To receive a Tennessee Promise Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a Tennessee resident
- Graduate from an eligible Tennessee high school, complete a Tennessee home school program, or obtain a GED or HiSET diploma before age 19
- Complete the Tennessee Promise application by November 1 (or next working day)
- Apply to and enroll full-time in an eligible program the fall after high school graduation
- Meet all deadlines and requirements before enrolling

WHAT ARE THE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS?

16 HOURS

**PRIOR TO EACH ACADEMIC YEAR
DEADLINE: AUGUST 1
(OR NEXT WORKING DAY)**

Community service is an important component of Tennessee Promise. Partnering organizations must approve service activities.

Students who will graduate between August - December and attend the immediately following spring term, or those who will attend the summer term as new students, have different FAFSA and community service deadlines. Visit CollegeforTN.org/TNPromise for details.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Service performed prior to August 1 of the student's junior year
- Work resulting in payment or remuneration of any kind
- Work directly benefiting family members

HOW ARE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED?

Students never receive funds directly. After Pell, TELS, and TSAA are applied, Tennessee Promise sends funds for remaining tuition and mandatory fees directly to institutions for students who meet all eligibility requirements.

YOUR DEADLINE ROADMAP

- OCTOBER 1**

The FAFSA opens. Complete it as soon as possible after it opens.
- NOVEMBER 1
(OR NEXT WORKING DAY)**

Complete the Tennessee Promise application in your THEC Student Portal.
- APRIL 1**

Complete the FAFSA by April 1 at StudentAid.gov.
- SPRING**

Attend required meetings. Apply and register for classes. If selected for FAFSA verification, submit documents promptly.
- AUGUST 1
(OR NEXT WORKING DAY)**

Complete 16 hours of community service. Your partnering organization will verify your hours.



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