

# College Planning Night



**GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE**



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# AGENDA



- **What is College?**
- **How to plan for college?**
- **How to pay for college?**
- **Panel Discussion**
- **Question and Answer**

# WHAT IS COLLEGE?



What comes to mind when you hear the word college?

**College is any school that a student enrolls in after receiving their high school diploma or GED that offers a certificate or degree for completing courses.**

**College of  
Applied Tech  
(TCAT)**

**Community  
College (2-  
yr)**

**University  
(4-year)**

# TYPES OF DEGREES



- **Diploma and Certificate:** take less than a year to two years to complete and focus on a specific skill or career. (example: Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology aka TCAT)
- **Associate's Degree:** two-year degrees offered at community colleges (example: Pellissippi State Community College, Walter's State, etc.)
- **Bachelor's Degree:** four-year degrees offered at public and private four-year colleges and universities (example: UTK, South College, & CNU)

# College: Where Can You Go In Tennessee?



## TCATS

TCAT ATHENS / TCAT CHATTANOOGA / TCAT COVINGTON / TCAT CROSSVILLE / TCAT CRUMP / TCAT DICKSON / TCAT ELIZABETHTON / TCAT HARRIMAN / TCAT HARTSVILLE / TCAT HOHENWALD / TCAT JACKSBORO  
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 TCAT PARIS / TCAT PULASKI / TCAT RIPLEY / TCAT SHELBYVILLE / TCAT WHITEVILLE

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHATTANOOGA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / CLEVELAND STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 MOTLOW STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / VOLUNTEER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE / WALTERS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PUBLIC 4 YEAR INSTITUTIONS

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY / EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY / MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY / TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY / TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY  
 UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS / UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CHATTANOOGA / UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE / UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MARTIN

# Private and Public 4-Year Colleges



**4-year colleges and universities offer bachelor degree programs.**

- **Public Colleges: funded by local and state governments and usually offer lower tuition rates than private colleges, especially for students who are residents of the state where a college is located.** *Public colleges in Tennessee include the University of Tennessee System, such as University of Tennessee- Knoxville, as well as Middle Tennessee State University and East Tennessee State University.*
- **Private Colleges: schools that rely mainly on tuition, fees and private sources of funding.** *Private colleges in TN include Carson-Newman, South College, Belmont University, Johnson University, and many more.*



# Paying For College



- **Developing a plan to pay for college can feel overwhelming. Fortunately for students in Tennessee, there are many options available to help reduce the cost of attending college, including:**
  - **FAFSA**
  - **Tennessee Promise**
  - **Scholarships and Awards**

# Preparing for College in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



**It's never too early to start preparing for college!**

- **Get to know your School Counselor!**
- **Take challenging courses**
- **Begin working toward earning EPSO credits**
- **Grades, Grades, Grades!**
- **Put effort into extracurricular activities**
- **Research colleges/careers (YouScience)**
- **Take advantage of Summer Break**
  - **Volunteer, Academic Support, Employment, etc.**

# What are EPSOs?



Graduating as a “Ready Graduate”

Will be recognized at your Senior Celebration Ceremony

Must acquire 4 EPSOs

How do I earn EPSOs?

- Doing well on ASVAB
- 21> on the ACT
- Earn an Industry Certification
- Taking a Dual Enrollment course
- Taking an AP class and sitting for the exam, etc.

# Preparing for College in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade



- **Continue or start to take challenging courses**
- **Grades, Grades, Grades!**
- **Put effort into extracurricular activities**
- **Continue researching colleges/careers**
- **Apply for Governor's School**
- **\*\*If you want to play Division I or II sports in college, start the certification process and check with your School Counselor to make sure you're taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements.\*\***

# Preparing for College: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Semester



- **Take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)**
- **Decide what type of education you want to pursue after high school**
- **Make a list of schools you are interested in and discuss with your family**
- **Explore careers and their earning potentials (YouScience)**
- **Stay on track with your classes and grades**
- **Create an appropriate email address if you don't already have one. *\*Get in the habit of checking it regularly.***

# Preparing for College: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Semester



- **Figure out when you'll be taking important tests like the ACT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and AP exams, and mark the dates on your calendar**
- **Stay involved with extracurricular activities**
- **Start looking at financial aid information and scholarships**
- **Start applying for scholarships that allow you to apply as a junior; note deadlines on calendar**
- **Start/Continue visiting colleges**
- **Apply for Governor's School**
- **Talk to your School Counselor about early postsecondary opportunities such as dual enrollment**

# Preparing for College: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Semester



- **Apply for a summer job or internship in fields you're interested in pursuing after high school**
- **When researching schools, use a school's net price calculator, which is located on the institution's website, to get a personalized estimate of what that school will cost your family**
- **Ask seniors what advice they'd give on the college process**

# Preparing for Senior Year



**Senior year of high school is a busy and exciting time!**

**In addition to being the leaders of Gibbs High School, you will also be taking the next steps towards college and your career.**



# Jumpstart Your College Search Over the Summer



- **Go on college visits.**
- **Narrow down your colleges being considered.**
- **Start thinking about which teachers you would like to write letters of recommendation for you.**
- **Use your list of activities you've participated in (volunteer experiences, honors and awards) since 9<sup>th</sup> grade and create a resume (YouScience, SCOIR).**
- **Work on your college application essays.**
- **Think about engaging in a meaningful activity such as community service or travel.**

# Jumpstart Your College Search Over the Summer



- Review the application procedures for schools you plan to apply to. Write down and keep track of deadlines!
- Start thinking about if you're going to apply early decision or early action to any schools. This process typically begins earlier. *If you plan to apply early decision to any school, take the time to visit the school again and make sure you're willing to commit.*
- Get advice from other college students.
- Read a variety of books and magazines and review your math skills over the summer. This will help you to prepare for the ACT and/or SAT if you plan to take it in the fall.

# Preparing for College: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Semester



- **Double check all college application deadlines and requirements.**
- **If you're applying early decision or early action, those deadlines are often between October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Give any recommendation forms to appropriate teachers and counselors.**
- **Send your official ACT or SAT test scores to the colleges where you're applying. Retake ACT or SAT early if you want to try to raise your score.**
- **Submit your college applications! Look for your school's College App Week!**
- **Request transcripts and letters of recommendation at least two weeks prior to application deadlines.**
  - **Transcripts can be requested on [Parchment.com](https://Parchment.com)**

# Preparing for College: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Semester



- **Complete your FAFSA as close to October 1<sup>st</sup> as possible.**
- **Look for your local FAFSA Frenzy events if you need help completing the FAFSA.**
- **Work on scholarship applications and pay attention to deadlines.**
- **Check with the financial aid offices of the colleges you're applying to for other scholarship opportunities.**
- **Consider which school is the best social, academic, and financial fit for you.**
- **Choose the college you want to attend!**

# ACT and SAT Prep



- **Juniors take ACT Prep during enrichment**
- **ACT and SAT Websites – some offer free help and others charge a small fee:**
  - **number2.com**
  - **freetestprep.com**
  - **kaptest.com** – Kaplan offers a free online ACT or SAT practice test with a score review; other free resources like webinars
  - **act.magoosh.com** – charges a fee for ACT Prep; free apps
- **Google ACT and SAT Prep in Knoxville for live classes**

# FAFSA



- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
- **The FAFSA is an online form that uses a student and their family's information to help calculate how much financial aid a student qualifies for**
  - **Federal programs: Pell grant, subsidized student loans, work study**
  - **State programs: Tennessee Promise, Hope Scholarship and more!**

**Most colleges also use the information on the FAFSA to calculate financial aid.**

# FAFSA



- Available October 1<sup>st</sup>
- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) (VERY IMPORTANT!)
- Student **AND** parent will create FSA ID usernames/passwords ([fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)) to sign electronically
- *Student and parent will submit FAFSA using IRS Data Retrieval Tool to upload prior year's tax information*

# Tennessee Promise



- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at [www.TNPromise.gov](http://www.TNPromise.gov) by **November 1**
- Complete the FAFSA at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) by **February 1st**
- Attend spring mandatory meeting as coordinated by ***your county's partnering organization***
- Complete 8 hours of community service between **November 2 - July 1**

\*dates subject to change- must be approved at TSAC's board meeting in spring of each semester



# TN Promise Examples



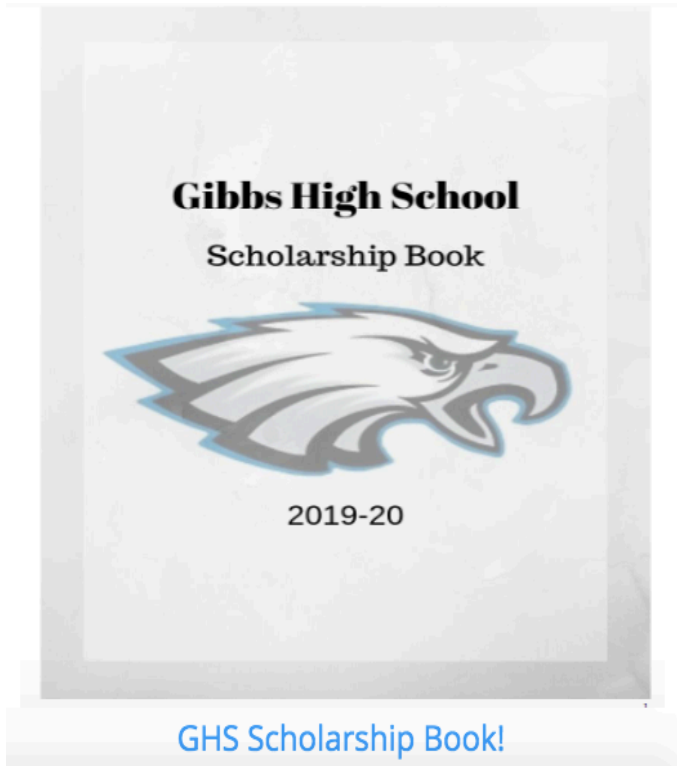
<b>Examples</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Tuition	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300
HOPE/Pell/TSAA	-\$8,000	-\$3,000	\$0
<b>Gap</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>
<b>TN Promise</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0

# Where to Find Scholarships





- **Scholarship websites**
- **GHS School Counseling Website**
- **Ask organizations/clubs to which you belong if they offer scholarships**
- **Ask your employer (students and parents) if they offer scholarships**
- **University-based Scholarships**

# Scholarships



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- Order Transcripts Here
- Test Prep
- School Counseling Calendar

**Looking for Scholarships?**  
Click [here](#) for some helpful resources

**Local Scholarships**

- [Steps for Change Scholarship](#)
- [Jimm A. Snoddy Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [East TN Foundation Scholarships](#)
- [Junior League of Knoxville Scholarship](#)
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# **PANEL Q & A**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE  
PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY  
SOUTH COLLEGE**