

# SCHOLARSHIP PACKET



2019-2020

- Resources for help with post - secondary planning, college applications & scholarship search
- Scholarships & Other Financial Aid Info
- Federal and State Aid Information



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## POST-SECONDARY PLANNING INFORMATION

### Types of Post-Secondary Schools

- **Technical School** – A school which provides job preparation skills for trained labor through programs that last from three months to two years. (Ex: Nashville Auto Diesel School)
- **Community College** – A two-year school, usually without residential facilities, that offers an associate’s degree and/or transfer credits toward a bachelor’s degree. (Ex: Pellissippi State, Roane State)
- **4-year College** – A four-year college offers students a bachelor’s degree in a wide range of academic majors and are significantly smaller in student body, as well as campus size, compared to a university. (Ex. Berea College, Maryville College)
- **University** – Undergraduate programs that provide a bachelor’s degree as well as graduate programs for Masters and Ph.D. degrees across a huge spectrum of majors and specializations, typically on a large campus to accommodate the large student body. (Ex: University of Tennessee)
- **Public** – A school that is administered by the government and supported by public funds. (Ex. Middle Tennessee State University)
- **Private** – A non-profit school that is privately controlled and supported by contributions and tuition. (Ex: Vanderbilt University)
- **For-Profit Schools** – A post-secondary school that utilizes public funds to finance operations. Much controversy has surrounded the “for-profit” approach to a secondary education- but for many students, it proves to be a worthy path for training, education, and financial and career success. Make sure you do your own research on the for-profit school(s) in which you are interested. Weigh the cost of education versus your projected salary. (Ex. Virginia College)

## COLLEGE SEARCH RESOURCES

Need help making the right college choice? Search & compare colleges, get detailed info on admissions policies and apply for scholarships at <https://www.collegegreenlight.com/>

A collection of webinars that focus on various aspects of the college planning process: [www.CollegePlanningWebinars.com](http://www.CollegePlanningWebinars.com)

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

One of the best sources of scholarship and financial aid information is the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at the college to which you are applying. Be sure to visit each college's website and follow that individual school's instructions regarding required forms and deadlines.

### **Helpful information on scholarships and financial aid can be found online at:**

- <https://www.finaid.org/> - excellent site answering questions about financial aid
- <https://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> - FAFSA online, basis for all federal financial aid
- [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) - information about US Government funds for college
- <https://www.tn.gov/CollegePays/> - TN Education Lottery Scholarship Programs
- <https://www.cappex.com> – a free scholarship search engine
- <https://www.fastweb.com> – a free scholarship search engine
- <https://www.scholarships.com> – a free scholarship search engine
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org> – a free scholarship search engine
- <https://studentscholarships.org> – a free scholarship search engine
- <https://blackexcel.org>
- <https://www.uncf.org/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>
- <https://www.scholarsnapp.org>
- <http://www.easttennesseefoundation.org/receive/scholarships.aspx>

### **FIRST STEP TO ALL FINANCIAL AID:**

#### **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)**

- The first step for most financial aid eligibility determination. **Parent/Guardian AND student MUST complete this form for FULL consideration.**
- Form is available online for completion starting **October 1<sup>st</sup>** of every year: [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)
- The FAFSA MUST be completed before **February 1<sup>st</sup>** for TN Promise eligibility
- Both parent and student must have an FSA ID to sign the FAFSA
- Student must put PREFERRED school first so they can receive your FAFSA
- Read your Student Aid Report (SAR) to see your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- If selected for verification, you must submit requested documents/information before your school can determine your financial award
- Your school's college and career access team will offer plenty of opportunities for assistance in completing this crucial step to receiving the most financial aid for school.

**NOTE:** *This guide is a brief listing of available scholarships. YOU are encouraged to visit your Project GRAD College Access Coach for other scholarships that come available and ask your parents, employer, other community organizations, churches, and search online through various sources including the school you are planning to attend.*

## **SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TIPS**

### **SEARCH TIP #1**

**Watch out for scams**-Scholarships that ask for cash up front: such as scholarship offers that requires you to send in an application or processing fee, is almost always a **SCAM**. Even if the offer adds a disclosure statement that guarantees a refund, money you send upfront is almost never returned. Also, avoid scholarships that only ask for your email, most scholarships require an essay and other information.

### **SEARCH TIP #2**

The key to an effective college scholarship search is to start immediately! Scholarship applications can be lengthy, are often competitive and have deadlines to apply. To combat not getting burned out, do separate searching sessions then start your applying sessions. A good tactic is to save, or copy and paste the links of scholarships that you qualify for on a separate document. When you feel that you have a good list, take a break, and then go back to your list and apply for the scholarships one at a time. Do not try to apply while you are searching. It will become overwhelming quickly.

### **SEARCH TIP #3**

Remember that you won't be rewarded every single scholarship that you apply for, so you must cast a wide net. Generally speaking, for every 100 scholarships that may pique your interest, you will only qualify and apply for about 10, so start now!

### **SEARCH TIP #4**

The more specific criteria and eligibility you search for to apply, the better chance of being awarded. Generally, the pool of applicants will be smaller and your chances will be increased. Make sure to check in with Community Foundations, Service and Fraternal Organizations (Elks, Rotary, etc.), Employers of family members, and large corporations in your community.

## TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Federal Student Aid:** When calculating overall monies available to a student applying for college, grant money does not have to be repaid. By filling out the FAFSA starting in October, students and parents will find out what federal grants the student will be eligible for. Based on several factors, such as family income, number of students in the home attending college, and parents' age, will be used to calculate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which will indicate what federal and state grant monies for which a student may qualify.
- **State Scholarship Programs:** The Hope Scholarship, the General Assembly Merit Scholarship, and the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant are just a few available scholarships for students who are Tennessee residents and choose to attend a community college or university in the state of Tennessee. See [www.collegepaystn.com](http://www.collegepaystn.com) for a full list of Tennessee state scholarships and requirements.
- **School Specific Scholarships:** Colleges and Universities have what can be called "school specific scholarships" directly pertaining to monies that school can offer. Some are merit based, athletic, or community service and leadership based.
- **Non-School Specific:** Numerous organization and businesses through the country and the state of Tennessee have established scholarships to assist students in pursuing post-secondary education. These scholarships typically can be used at the school of the student's choice.

## **FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

### **Federal Pell Grant**

- ✓ This need-based grant is given to help undergraduates maintain the cost of education. Eligible students may receive these funds to attend an eligible post-secondary school. Pell Grant awards are based on the EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number reflected after the student's FAFSA is filed.

### **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)**

- ✓ This grant is given based on exceptional financial need and is awarded primarily to Federal Pell Grant recipients.

### **Federal Work Study**

- ✓ This is a self-help type of aid and is awarded to students with financial need. Students can work part time to earn this award money and to help with the cost of attendance. Work-study jobs can be found on or off campus through the school's Financial Aid office. Students receive notice of being their work-study amount when the college/university sends out the award notification (usually in the spring after application acceptance).

### **Military**

- ✓ If you or your parent/guardian is on an active duty, a reservist, or a veteran, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

### **Indian Higher Education Grant Program**

- ✓ Students who are members of an Indian tribe may be eligible for assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Contact your tribal headquarters or visit [www.bie.edu](http://www.bie.edu) for more information.

## STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

### Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program

- **HOPE Scholarship** (Up to \$1,750 per semester for 4-year schools 2-year schools that offer on-campus housing; up to \$1,500 per semester for 2-year institutions)
  - **General Assembly Merit Scholarship** (Up to \$500 per semester SUPPLEMENT to TN HOPE Scholarship)
  - **Aspire Award** (Up to \$750 per semester SUPPLEMENT to TN HOPE Scholarship)
  - **Hope Access Grant** (Up to \$1,250 per semester for 4-year institutions; up to \$875 per semester for 2-year institutions)
  - **Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant** (Up to \$2,000 for students attending any TN College of Applied Technology)
  - **Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant** (up to the cost of tuition & mandatory fees)
- See [www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays) for qualifications and criteria.

*Important explanation of Lottery Scholarship grade point average:* TSAC (Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation), who administers the HOPE Scholarship, uses the phrase “a 3.0 weighted GPA” in all of their literature. **What TSAC calls a *weighted* GPA is what Knox County considers an *unweighted* GPA.** A ‘TN State Lottery GPA’ is now listed on the Knox County Schools electronic transcript. Note that a “weighted GPA” is calculated adding extra point values for Honors, AP, and accelerated courses. An unweighted GPA does *not* include extra point values added to a student’s accelerated courses.

### TN Promise Scholarship

Last dollar scholarship to cover tuition and regular fees at a TN Community College or Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
Deadline: November 1

### Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program (TSAA)

Funds are awarded on a first come, first-served basis. To be eligible, the applicant must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), be a Tennessee resident, and have a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$2,100 or less. **To receive priority consideration, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

See [http://www.tn.gov/CollegePays/mon\\_college/tsa\\_award.htm](http://www.tn.gov/CollegePays/mon_college/tsa_award.htm) for more information.

### Ned McWherter Scholars Program

- 3.5 GPA and 29 ACT or 1280 SAT
- Award amount is \$6,000 per year for 4 years
- Apply at <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/article/ned-mcwherter-scholars-program>
- **Deadline February 15**



## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

When we receive local scholarship applications (typically in the spring), we post all of them on the scholarship board outside the cafeteria. Be sure you're checking it often to see what you qualify for! Some of the organizations that we get them from are listed below:

Fulton Alumni Association

Greek Organizations

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Iota Phi Lambda Sorority
- Beta Theta Boule'

Other Local Institutions

### College JumpStart Scholarship

Complete online application at: <http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/application-us>

**Deadline: Early Graduates: October 17 Regular Graduates: April 15**

### East Tennessee Foundation (ETF) Scholarships

The ETF is an excellent scholarship provider to AEHS students, including several local, county, and regional scholarship. The application and official guidelines are posted on the website

**November 1st. The application deadline for most of the ETF Scholarships is March 15<sup>th</sup>:**

### Partners in Education- Barney Thompson Scholarship

A graduating senior from each Knox County high school will receive a \$500 scholarship honoring the late Barney Thompson. <https://www.knoxschools.org/Page/2302> **Deadline: March 3**

### QuestBridge Scholars

QuestBridge helps high-achieving, low-income students to access top-ranked colleges and universities. Qualified students may earn up to \$40,000 per year in tuition and \$15,000 for room and board. For more information and a list of partnership schools, visit

[www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org) **Deadline: September 26**

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### Specific to Austin-East and Fulton Students Only!!!

**Project GRAD Knoxville Scholarship - \$4000 available to graduating seniors meeting the following criteria:**

- Graduate on time with your class receive a Regular Diploma
- Have a minimum of 2.5 GPA upon graduation
- Complete at least two (2) summer institutes

**UTK Flagship Scholarship-University of Tennessee-Knoxville ONLY** - (Covers tuition & fees for any new first-year student who is admitted and enrolls at UT from one of the eligible high schools (Austin-East or Fulton High) will receive the Promise Scholarship. **Priority Deadline: Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Absolute Deadline to apply: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Univ. of Tennessee Pledge Scholarship – University of Tennessee-Knoxville Only** – (when combined with other federal, state, and institutional aid, will cover a student’s direct costs—tuition, fees, and an average for on-campus room and board, as determined by UT); income-based. **Priority Deadline: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Absolute Deadline to apply: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** Visit:

<http://onestop.utk.edu/scholarships/pledge-promise/>

### **NEW!! University System – UT Promise Scholarships**

Launching in fall 2020, this innovative last-dollar scholarship will guarantee free tuition and mandatory fees to qualifying Tennessee residents enrolling at UT campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin. UT Promise is an expansion of scholarship offerings and does not replace existing scholarships. Free tuition and mandatory fees (will be applied after all other financial aid is received) for in-state students meeting all of the following criteria:

- A family household income under \$50,000
- Qualify for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship
- Meet the academic qualifications of the University

Once enrolled:

- Must complete 8 hours of community service each semester
- Will be matched with a volunteer mentor

Students who wish to be considered for UT scholarships should apply for admission AND submit the Entering Freshman Scholarship Application by **November 1**You are encouraged to choose the option to fill out a personal statement to increase your chances both of admission and scholarship recognition. **Priority Deadline: November 1**

## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS (non-school specific)

### **AES Engineering Services**

\$500 scholarships are awarded based not only on academic achievement but also on character.

To learn how to apply go to <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>

**Deadline: October 6**

### **AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship**

Student must plan to attend a 4-year college or university, be a US citizen or permanent resident, and agree to help publicize and promote the cause of Alzheimer's Awareness. More information is available at, [http://www.afateens.org/about\\_new.html](http://www.afateens.org/about_new.html)

**Deadline: February 15**

### **ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers) Scholarship Program**

Two one-year \$3,000 scholarships available annually to college freshmen enrolled full-time in an undergraduate pre-engineering, engineering or engineering technology program leading to a bachelor degree in a course of study that traditionally has been a preparatory curriculum for the HVAC&R profession.

Please visit their website for more information: <http://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/student-zone/scholarships-and-grants/ashrae-scholarship-program>.

**Deadline: May 1**

### **AXA Achievement & Community Scholarships**

Scholarship awards range from \$10,000 - \$25,000. Learn more and download an application at <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/about.html> For information on the community scholarship, visit <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/scholarship-applications.html>

**Deadlines: December 15 and February 15**

### **BigSun Athletics Scholarship**

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. They are offering an annual \$500 scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. More information is at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> **Deadline: June 19**

### **Bonner Program**

The Bonner Program provides a scholarship to students in exchange for weekly commitment to intensive and meaningful service with a local community organization over the four years as an undergraduate student with our campus partners. If you are interested in becoming a Bonner, you must apply directly one of our campus partners. Each campus has their own application and selection process. We suggest contacting both the Admissions Office and Bonner Program office at the school(s) you're interested in applying to for admission.

### **Coca-Cola Scholars Program**

50 4-yr awards for up to \$20,000 and 200 4-yr awards for up to \$10,000 for seniors with a minimum of 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year who demonstrate excellence in leadership in their communities and academics. Applications are on-line at <https://www.coca-colascholars.org/> **Deadline: October 31**

### **Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships**

The NSDAR offers many scholarships to help deserving students receive a higher education. Current forms and scholarship requirements can be found at: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>

**Deadline: February 15**

### **Gates Millennium Scholars**

Scholarship by the Gates Foundation for African-American, American Indian/Native Alaskan, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American who is a citizen or legal permanent resident or national of the U.S. and who has a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 who will enroll college in the Fall of 2020. Apply online at <http://www.gmsp.org>

**Deadline: January 15**

### **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program**

Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply for the 2014 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. This program awards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with a renewable \$10,000 scholarship.

To apply go to <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-rfscholarships.aspx>

**Deadline: To Be Announced**

### **Horatio Alger Scholarship Program**

This scholarship seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education and a desire to contribute to society. More information and the applications must be filled out online at

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

**Deadline: October 25**

### **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship**

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship program for top high school seniors with significant financial need. Up to 40 applicants will be selected and receive a renewable \$30,000 scholarship. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, ACT of 26 or above and demonstrate financial need (likely Pell Grant eligibility).

To apply visit: [www.jkcf.org/scholarships](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships) **Deadline: November 1**

### **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Program**

Open to graduating minority high school seniors who have been accepted by a four-year accredited college or university. This is a four-year award of up to \$7,500 per year. See the

website for more information and the application:

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/general-applicants.php>. **Deadline: February 15**

### **NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation**

Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 offered to students who demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative by starting his/her own business or participating in organizations such as DECA, Junior Achievement, FBLA, FFA, NFTE, etc. Students may apply **October 1 – December 15**. Additional information and applications are found at:

<http://www.nfib.com/yef/yef-programs/young-entrepreneur-awards>

**Deadline: December 15**

### **QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship for Juniors!**

If you are a junior with a strong academic record and an annual household income of less than \$60,000 a year, you are eligible to apply as a College Prep Scholar. You may receive a full scholarship to attend summer school programs at top universities Access full information and applications on-line at <http://www.questbridge.org/>

**Deadline: Late March**

### **R.I.S.E. Scholarship Foundation**

The RISE scholarship was established in 2010 for students with documented learning disabilities who have shown determination, self-advocacy and success in overcoming their difficulties To apply, visit the website at <http://risescholarshipfoundation.org/> and click on Award Application.

**Deadline: February 15**

### **Ron Brown Scholarship**

The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Ten scholarships will be awarded for \$10,000 annually for four years. Information and an application is available at [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org)

**Deadline: November 1**

### **Wendy's High School Heisman**

This Scholarship honors both male and female high school seniors who excel in academics, athletics, and student leadership. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA and participate in at least one school sponsored sport. Applications must be completed on-line at: [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com)

**Deadline: October 3**

## RESOURCES FOR LATINO STUDENTS

### **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship Database**

This premier scholarship opportunity is afforded to Latino students who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities.

\*There is no GPA or major requirement

\* Downloadable directory:

[http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/resources/2008-2009\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/resources/2008-2009_Directory.pdf)

\* Regional scholarship directory:

<http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/scholarship/regscholarships07.pdf>

\* National scholarship directory:

<http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/scholarship/natscholarships07.pdf>

### **Latino College Dollars**

Information on how to plan for college and how to pay for it

\* Downloadable list: <http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/directory.htm#>

[www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)

### **Scholarships for Hispanics**

\* Directory that allows you to indicate citizenship status

\* Provides information only on scholarships that student would qualify for

<http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.com/directory/>

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

### What do Scholarship Committees look for?

- Do you qualify?
- Is your application presented well?
- Did you include all required documents?
- Did you answer all the questions?

### Application Tips:

- Apply Early
- Provide accurate contact information
- Pay close attention to deadline dates
- Allow time for recommendation letters
- Proofread application and attachments
- If awarded a scholarship, inform your college access coach/counselor
- Always send a Thank You Note

## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS

Start the essay writing process early.

Leave yourself plenty of time to produce a well thought out entry. Take the time to brainstorm your ideas, create an outline, and edit your entry as you would for any essay writing assignment for your English class.

- Get Organized
- Read and follow all directions
- Demonstrate originality in your writing
- If possible, have someone proofread your essay for grammatical errors
- Don't give up! When you're tired, take a break, but don't throw in the towel!
- Turn in a professional looking essay- this is your first impression to the college.

***If you have questions or need help, feel free to contact any of the people listed at beginning of this document. We are here to help YOU to succeed!***