Student Resources

Financial Aid Information

- <u>finaid.org</u> is one-stop shopping for all types of financial aid information. It provides links to many other sites.
- Use <u>How to Fill Out the FAFSA College for TN</u> to watch step by step videos for completing the FAFSA.
- https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships is the best starting point for information on federal student financial aid. It includes links to publications, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and information on new tax cuts for higher education.
- https://scholarships.uncf.org/lists-scholarships available to students attending historically black colleges that are members of The United Negro College Fund/The College Fund.
- <u>smartscholar.com/fafsa-guide/</u> provides directions for completing the FAFSA and explanations of different types of financial assistance a student can receive.
- https://www.annuity.org/financial-literacy/students/org believes when students learn financial literacy at an early age, it helps them to make astute decisions about their personal finances, as smart financial behavior leads to financially secure lives. College is a huge first step in learning how to manage finances.

Tennessee Specific Financial Aid Information

- <u>tn.gov/collegepays</u> provides information about the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship and Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.
- <u>Conexión Américas</u> is committed to providing accurate and timely information and resources on how to support students' higher education aspirations regardless of their documentation status.
- Do you have specific questions about the FAFSA or TN specific financial aid programs like the HOPE Lottery or TN Promise Scholarship? Locate your county on the map below and reach out to your specific Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation Representative.



- <u>Tennessee Reconnect</u> is a last-dollar scholarship for adults to attend a community college tuition-free.
- <u>Tennessee Promise</u> offers up to two and a half years of tuition-free community of technical college to Tennessee high school graduates. The program provides eligible students a last-dollar scholarship, which covers tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell grant, TELS, and TSAA. Students will also be assigned a mentor who will provide guidance and assistance as the student enters higher education. Students must participate with a partnering organization to access Tennessee Promise dollars.

Free Search Services

- <u>fastweb.com</u> boasts one of the largest free scholarship databases with more than 400,000 listings.
- <u>collegeboard.org</u> is a free online scholarship search service which includes aid programs from 3,300 sponsors and also features college and career search capabilities.

College and University Websites

 Once you have been admitted to a specific university or college, they will typically allow you to apply for institutional based scholarships. Make sure to check out that university/ college's website for scholarships to see how to access the applications.

General Information

- <u>act.org</u> helps you find overall college planning information and details about the ACT Assessment Test.
- consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams is the Federal Trade
 Commission website providing information about spotting and avoiding scholarship
 rip-offs. Also on this site are links to the Department of Education financial aid
 information.