

College Planning Night



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Agenda



- **What Is College?**
 - Types of colleges in Tennessee
- **Paying for college**
 - Tennessee Promise
 - Scholarships
- **Planning for college**
- **Question and Answer**

Types of Colleges

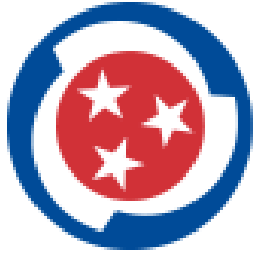


**College of
Applied Tech
(TCAT)**

**Community
College (2-yr)**

**University
(4-year)**

TCAT



TENNESSEE COLLEGE
OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
— NASHVILLE —



TENNESSEE COLLEGE
OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
— MURFREESBORO —

Community College



MOTLOW COLLEGE

My Motlow. My Future.

University

AP
Austin Peay
State University

MIDDLE
TENNESSEE

STATE UNIVERSITY.



TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY

Types of 2-Year Colleges



- **Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCAT):** Tennessee's provider of state-of-the-art technical training for workers to obtain the technical skills and professional training to enter the workforce. Students can earn certificates and diplomas here. Some programs are less than 1 year.
- **Community College:** Offers associate degree and certificate programs that focus on preparing you for a certain career. Also, offers two-year associate degrees that prepare you to transfer to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree.*

*Adapted from Bigfuture.Collegeboard.org

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 donations can sometimes provide generous financial aid packages for students. Private colleges in Tennessee are often members of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA)*

*Adapted from Bigfuture/Collegboard.org

Types of Degrees



- **Diploma and Certificate:** take less than a year to two years to complete and focus on a specific skill or career. These programs are offered at Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (example: TCAT Murfreesboro, TCAT Nashville)
- **Associate's Degree:** two-year degrees offered at community colleges (example: Motlow State Community College, Columbia State Community College)
- **Bachelor's Degree:** four-year degrees offered at public and private four-year colleges and universities (example: University of Tennessee, Middle Tennessee State University, University of Memphis, Vanderbilt University)

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**
- **The Tennessee Promise**
- **Scholarships and Awards**

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.

2018-19 FAFSA



- Available October 1, 2017
- www.fafsa.gov (VERY IMPORTANT!)
- Student **AND** parent will create FSA ID usernames/passwords (fsaid.ed.gov) to sign electronically
- *Student and parent will submit FAFSA using IRS Data Retrieval Tool to upload 2016 tax information*

Your FAFSA Timeline



- **The FAFSA will officially open for your student on October 1, 2017**
- **Our school will host several opportunities for you to receive help with the FAFSA, including:**
 - **Date: Financial Aid Workshop- September 19th, 2017 from 6-7**
 - **Date: October 19th, 2017 from 4-7**
 - **Date: January 11th, 2018 from 12-3**

Tennessee Promise



- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at www.TNPromise.gov by **November 1, 2017**
- Complete 2017-18 FAFSA at www.FAFSA.gov
- Attend a mandatory meeting as coordinated by Tennessee Achieves
- Complete 8 hours of community service
- Students selected for FAFSA verification must submit material to the college

Tennessee Hope Scholarship (2-yr)



HOPE Scholarship

\$1,500 per semester

**21 ACT/SAT
or 3.0
GPA***

GAMS

\$500 per semester

**29 ACT/SAT
& 3.75
GPA***

Aspire Award

\$250 per semester

**Parents AGI
≤\$36,000**

Tennessee Hope Scholarship (4-yr)



HOPE Scholarship

**\$1,750/sem
then
\$2,250/sem**

**21 ACT/SAT
or 3.0 GPA***

GAMS

**\$500 per
semester**

**29 ACT/SAT
& 3.75 GPA***

Aspire Award

**\$750 per
semester**

**Parents AGI
≤\$36,000**

State Grants Available to Tennessee High School Students



TSAA

**\$1,000 –
\$4,000 per
academic year**

**0 – 2,100 EFC
January 17**

Ned McWherter

**Up to \$6,000/
academic year**

**29 ACT &
3.5 GPA*
February 15**

Wilder- Naifeh

**\$2,000 per
academic year**

**Certificate/
Diploma TCAT**

Planning for College



- Senior year of high school is a busy and exciting time! In addition to being the leaders of **SCHS** you will also be taking the next steps towards college and your career.
- Senior year timeline:
 - Summer
 - 12th Grade Fall
 - 12th Grade Spring

Jumpstart Your College Search This Summer



- **Get online! Research colleges that you are interested in. Look for admissions requirements, and required GPA and ACT scores.**
- **Go on college visits.**
- **Check on AP credits.**
- **If you haven't already, make a list of activities you've participated in, volunteer experiences, honors and awards since 9th grade.**
- **Review the application procedures for schools you plan to apply to. Write down and keep track of deadlines!**
- **Consider what you are looking for: location, size, academics, campus life, \$COST\$**
- **Make a list of your top choices.**

Senior Year – Fall Semester



- Senior meetings with counselor
- Take and retake the ACT/SAT
- Apply to several colleges (admissions, institutional aid, etc.) and utilize their net price calculators
- Request transcripts from the counseling office
- Request letters of recommendation if necessary
- Apply for local/private scholarships
- Student AND parent will create FSA IDs (fsaid.ed.gov) to...
- Complete 2018-19 FAFSA available October 1, 2017
- DON'T MISS EARLY DECEMBER DEADLINES!

Senior Year – Spring Semester



- Continue to complete local/private scholarship applications
- Review college acceptances
- Compare financial aid packages
- Apply for housing if necessary
- Ask questions and follow up as needed
- Make your final decision!

CollegeforTN



- **To get your college process started, visit the link below:**
- **www.collegefortn.org**

Questions?

