

# Dual Enrollment Grant Information

## Overview

The Dual Enrollment Grant program is for students who are attending an eligible high school and who are also enrolled in college courses at eligible post-secondary institutions for which they will receive college credit.

The Dual Enrollment Grant program provides opportunities for students to earn an initial technical credential or a semester of college credit free of tuition and fees, while still pursuing a high school diploma.

## Award Information

Dual Enrollment Grant Requirements:

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a Tennessee resident as classified by the Tennessee Board of Regents.
  - Meet the admission requirements of the institution the student plans to attend and apply for the grant as a high school junior or senior if enrolled at a two-year or four-year institution
- OR
- Be at least a high school freshman if enrolled at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT)
  - May enroll at a two-year or four-year eligible post-secondary institution and continue receiving the Dual Enrollment Grant for up to 10 courses by maintaining all eligibility requirements and achieving a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA for all post-secondary semester courses attempted as a recipient of the grant.
  - Enroll in a TN College of Applied Technology clock hour program may continue receiving the Dual Enrollment Grant by maintaining all eligibility requirements and achieving a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA for up to 1296 clock hours.
  - Meet the above requirements and the student may receive an award amount at a 2-year or 4-year institution for the first five courses, which is the cost of tuition plus a 5% access fee as determined by the TN Board of Regents for community colleges. For a student's sixth through tenth dual enrollment semester courses, the award amount is \$100 per credit hour, not to exceed \$600 per course. At a TN College of Applied Technology, the award amount is the cost of tuition as determined by the TN Board of Regents.

### **Four-Year Institutions and two-year institutions with on-campus housing:**

Up to \$2,250 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshman and sophomore; then up to \$2,850 per full-time enrollment semester as a junior and senior

Two-Year Institutions:

Up to \$1,600 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshman and sophomore

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Only courses leading to a student's eligible program of study (associate or baccalaureate degree program) can be awarded under the HOPE Scholarship program
- Award amounts are available for summer enrollment
- Determination of class status is made by the postsecondary institution

## Eligibility

To be eligible, the student must:

1. Be classified as a high school junior or senior if enrolling in Dual Enrollment courses at a two-year or four-year postsecondary institution; or be classified as a high school freshman or higher if enrolling in a Dual Enrollment program at a TCAT;
2. Complete and submit the Dual Enrollment Grant application on-line by the deadline date as indicated below.
3. Meet admissions criteria for dual enrollment for the postsecondary institution to which the student will enroll as a dual enrolled student.
4. Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average for all postsecondary courses attempted under the Dual Enrollment Grant.
5. Apply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Early application is recommended.

## Application Deadline

Two-year and Four-year Eligible Postsecondary Institutions:

- June 30 deadline for all semesters (fall, spring, and summer)

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Institutions:

- June 30 deadline for all trimesters (fall, spring/winter, and summer)

### Applying for the Dual Enrollment Grant:

1. You only need to apply once of the Dual Enrollment classes you are taking for the year
2. Deadlines to register are Sept. 15
3. Go to <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/tsac-student-portal.html>
4. Scroll down on the page and click on **Register**. If you already have an account, click on **Sign in**.
5. Click on the **Create a Login** tab
6. Fill out the following: **Create your account**, if you do not have an account for the TN Scholarship program; **Challenge Questions and Answers**; **Personal Image Selection**; **Terms and Conditions**; click on **Create My Account**
7. Click Here to Log in to your Account and Apply Online
8. Put in username, answer challenge question, and click (check mark) Register this computer...
9. Enter password
10. User Agreement Accept: Read and accept
11. General Requirements and Instructions: Check *I Understand*
12. Click on "Apply" (Usually in the upper right hand of the page)
13. Search for **Dual Enrollment Grant 2025 – 2026** and click on the hyperlink
13. Fill out the grant application and indicate the college/university where you are receiving the dual enrollment credits (CA classes go through Southern Adventist University)
14. Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant Program Additional Course Acknowledgment: Check I Understand and select **Next**
10. Logout
11. If you want to know if everything was submitted correctly re-login. Under status it should say "Pending Verification" this lets you know things are okay



## Dual Enrollment Grant (DEG) Overview

AWARD AMOUNTS*	
Course	2-yr/4-yr DEG
1	Up to \$601.65
2	Up to \$601.65
3	Up to \$601.65
4	Up to \$601.65
5	Up to \$601.65
6 – 10	Up to \$100/credit hour

\*The award amount is based on a 3-credit hour course. Amounts will differ depending on the number of credit hours.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

June 30th

For all terms and all institution types.

Apply at [www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal](http://www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal).

Application is for an academic year. For example, the 2025-2026 application is used to apply for fall 2025, spring 2026, and summer 2026 semesters.

### 2- or 4-year college DEG Reminders

- To qualify for DEG at a 2- or 4-year college, student must be a high school junior or senior and satisfy dual enrollment (DE) admissions criteria set by the college.
- DEG students must earn a minimum cumulative 2.00 GPA, for all courses attempted while under the grant, each semester to remain eligible for the grant.
- DEG will pay for up to ten (10) DE courses at a 2- and 4-year college.

AWARD AMOUNTS	
Clock Hrs	TCAT DEG
1-40	\$228.90
41-80	\$309.75
81-135	\$468.30
136-217	\$815.85
218-340	\$1317.75
341-450	\$1474.20

### Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) DEG Reminders

- Any high school student (9th – 12th grade) may qualify for DEG at a TCAT.
- Student must meet dual enrollment (DE) admissions criteria set by the TCAT.
- DEG will pay for up to 1296 clock hours at a TCAT.
- Students must earn a minimum cumulative 2.00 GPA, for all courses attempted while under the grant, each semester to remain eligible for the grant.

Be aware the number of courses is determined by semesters. For example, taking a dual enrollment class all year would count as 2 courses. A student can take up to 5 courses before impacting their \$601.65 per course.

## Students From Outside Tennessee

- Be a Tennessee resident as classified by the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- Graduate from an eligible high school in Tennessee.
  - Exceptions may be granted to TN residents who graduate from high schools located in states other than Tennessee:
    - High schools located in bordering out-of-state counties
    - High schools in which dependents of active-duty military members or civilian workers of the US Department of Defense, Tennessee National Guard on active duty may attend
    - Members of the Armed Forces or TN National Guard must have Tennessee as the Home of Record at the time of entry into military service; or be classified as an in-state student under the Tennessee Board of Regents promulgated rules by the FAFSA application date.

- High schools in which dependents of full-time religious workers in foreign nations may attend
- Out-of-state boarding schools that are regionally accredited or accredited by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- Enroll in one of the Tennessee public colleges, universities, or private colleges: [TN Education Lottery Program Eligible Institutions](#)
- Entering freshmen must achieve a minimum:
  - 21 ACT or a minimum of 1060 SAT, exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests (concordant equivalent score) OR
  - Overall minimum 3.0 grade point average, a grade point average on a 4.0 scale calculated with additional internal quality points awarded for advanced placement, honors or other similar courses according to the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the State Board of Education.
- Home School graduates – minimum 21 ACT exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests. Home school GPAs are not considered.
- GED ® recipients – minimum 21 ACT exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests and qualifying GED ® score of 170.
- HiSet recipients – minimum 21 ACT exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests and qualifying average HiSet score of at least 15.
- ACT/SAT exams must be taken on a national test date or state test date and prior to the first day of college enrollment. The ACT Residual test is not accepted.
- Must enroll within 16 months following high school graduation at any eligible postsecondary institution.

## **Renewal Criteria**

### **Benchmark GPA Requirements**

- The student must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA at the end of the semester in which the student attempted 24 and 48 semester hours.
- The student must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the semester in which the student attempted 72 semester hours and any multiple of 24 semester hours thereafter.
- If the student does not have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the semester in which the student attempted 72 semester hours and any multiple of 24 semester hours thereafter, then the student must:
  - Have a minimum 2.75 – 2.99 cumulative GPA and have a semester GPA of at least 3.0 at the end of the semester in which the student attempted 72 semester hours and any multiple of 24 semester hours thereafter. The student's continued eligibility will be determined on a semester-by-semester basis and must maintain full-time enrollment.

### **Regain/Repeat Provisions**

- If a student ceases to be academically eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, the student may regain the award one-time only. The award may be re-established once the student meets any of the above criteria and maintains continuous enrollment and satisfactory academic progress at an eligible postsecondary institution without the HOPE Scholarship.
- The student must re-apply each year by completing the FAFSA and be continuously enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution in the fall and spring semesters and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

## **Application Deadline**

By September 15 – Apply only once per year

## **Termination Criteria**

All attempted hours after high school graduation, including remedial and developmental studies courses are included in the total attempted semester hours. A student may receive the HOPE Scholarship until the first of the following terminating events:

- Student has earned an advanced degree; or
- Five (5) years have passed from the date of initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution

## **Medical Disability**

A student with a documented medical disability, as certified by a licensed physician, who can only enroll part-time because of the disability may appeal to TSAC for an extension to the five-year limit as long as the student continues to meet all applicable academic and nonacademic requirements for the HOPE Scholarship and ten years have not passed since the student's initial enrollment at a postsecondary institution.

## **Related Links**

[TELS Program – Eligible Institutions](#)

[Tennessee HOPE Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

[TELS \(HOPE\) / TN Promise / TN Reconnect – Appeals and Exceptions](#)

[TELS Consortium Agreement](#)

[TELS Transfer Students](#)

[Tennessee HOPE Scholarship for Home School](#)

In addition to completing the online Dual Enrollment Grant, students also need to complete the SAU registration form the teacher hands out in class.

If you have questions, contact Mr. Djernes at 423.396.2124 x8004

(You would use the same site to register for the TNPromise scholarship.)