



# TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

TN Education Lottery Scholarships

Spring 2022

# How and When to apply

- ❑ FAFSA Application
- ❑ HOPE Scholarship Application Deadlines
  - ❑ Fall – September 1
  - ❑ Spring/Summer – February 1

# HOPE Scholarship

- ❑ Must be an entering freshman and enroll at any postsecondary institution within 16 months after completing the requirements for high school graduation
  - ❑ Minimum composite test score of 21 on National or State ACT or 1060 SAT (Evidenced-based R&W and Math only)
- OR
- ❑ Final minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA

# Home School Student

- ❑ Must be an entering freshman and enroll at any postsecondary institution within 16 months after completing the requirements for home school program
- ❑ Minimum composite test score of 21 on National or State ACT or 1060 SAT (Evidenced-based R&W and Math only); **OR**
- ❑ Completed two (2) DE courses for six (6) semester hours with a 3.0 GPA and achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA in all DE courses attempted at an eligible postsecondary institution while enrolled in home school program.

# HOPE Scholarship

## Expected to Begin Fall 2022

- ❑ Freshmen & Sophomores
  - ❑ (\$2,???) per semester (4-year inst.)
  - ❑ \$1,600 per semester (2-year inst.)
- ❑ Juniors & Seniors
  - ❑ \$2,850 per semester (4-year inst.)
- ❑ *Award is available for summer enrollment*
- ❑ *Same award amounts for nontraditional students*
- ❑ *Award amounts apply to the student's CPoS*

# General Assembly Merit (GAMS)

- ❑ Supplement to the HOPE Scholarship
- ❑ Final minimum unweighted 3.75 high school GPA; **and**
- ❑ Minimum single test composite score of 29 on National or State ACT **or** 1330 SAT (Evidenced-based R&W and Math); **and...**

# General Assembly Merit (GAMS) for Home School Students

- ❑ TN home school students must enroll in at least four (4) courses totaling at least 12 semester hours with a minimum college 3.0 GPA while enrolled as a home school student; **or**
- ❑ Participate in a Governor's School program and achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; **or**
- ❑ Take two (2) Advanced Placement exams and make a score of at least three (3); **or**
- ❑ Take one (1) College-Level Examination Program test and make a score of at least 55

# General Assembly Merit

- ❑ \$500 per semester (4-year inst.)
- ❑ \$500 per semester (2-year inst.)
- ❑ *Award is available for summer enrollment*



# HOPE Scholarship & General Assembly Merit Scholarship

- ❑ ACT Residual test is not accepted
- ❑ ACT Superscore is not accepted
- ❑ Public high school GPA for lottery scholarships is calculated by using the State Board of Education's Uniform Grading policy (UGP)

*(UGP is not used by non-public high schools.)*

# Aspire Award

- ❑ Supplement to the HOPE Scholarship
- ❑ Meet eligibility criteria for HOPE Scholarship; and
- ❑ Parent's adjusted gross income of \$36,000 or less on tax form
- ❑ Students may receive GAMS or Aspire, but not both at the same time

# Aspire Award

- ❑ \$750 per semester (4-year inst.)
- ❑ \$250 per semester (2-year inst.)
- ❑ *Award is available for summer enrollment*

# Non-Traditional HOPE

- ❑ Expected to Begin Fall 2022, student is considered “independent” on the FAFSA application and have an AGI of \$36,000 or less; **and**
- ❑ Enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible 4-year postsecondary institution **OR**
- ❑ Enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible 4-year postsecondary institution while maintaining continuous enrollment following the completion of an Associates Degree as a TN Reconnect recipient

# Non-Traditional HOPE

- ❑ Earn a HOPE Scholarship after 12 attempted hours of continuous enrollment with a minimum 2.75 college GPA or the required minimum GPA at a subsequent benchmark
- ❑ Ineligible for Aspire or GAMS
- ❑ Award amounts and terminating events are the same as those for the HOPE Scholarship

# HOPE Renewal Criteria

- ❑ Eligibility shall be reviewed at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of 24, 48, 72 or any multiple of 24 semester hours thereafter
- ❑ Must have a TELS GPA of at least 2.75 after attempting 24 & 48 hours
- ❑ Must have a TELS GPA of at least 3.0 after attempting 72, 96 or any multiple of 24 semester hours thereafter

# HOPE Renewal Criteria (Continued)

- ❑ On the Provisional Method, a student must have a TELS GPA of 2.75-2.99 and a semester GPA of at least 3.0 after attempting 72 or any subsequent semester when eligibility is reviewed
- ❑ While on the Provisional Method, a student must be enrolled full time and maintain a minimum 3.0 semester GPA. Student is reviewed for continuation each semester until the next benchmark

# HOPE Scholarship Terminating Events

- ❑ Student earns a baccalaureate degree; OR
- ❑ Five (5) years have passed from the date of initial enrollment



# How and When to apply

- ❑ FAFSA Application
- ❑ Wilder-Naifeh Application Deadlines
  - ❑ Summer – July 1
  - ❑ Fall – November 1
  - ❑ Spring – March 1

# Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant

- ❑ Enroll in one of the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCAT)
- ❑ Must be a TN resident
- ❑ \$2,000 per academic year for full-time enrollment
  - ❑ Part-time enrollment is prorated
- ❑ *Award amounts apply to the student's CPoS*

# Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant

- ❑ Prior HOPE Scholarship recipients may qualify for the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant
- ❑ May be eligible for HOPE Scholarship if initially HOPE eligible and enroll within (3) years of completing a TCAT diploma program

# Dual Enrollment Grant

- ❑ Expected to Begin Fall 2021, student must be high school junior or senior **or** has completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is enrolled at a TCAT **and** complete the DEG online application for each academic year
- ❑ Must achieve a minimum college GPA of 2.0 to continue

# Dual Enrollment Grant

- ❑ Must meet the dual enrollment admission requirements at an eligible postsecondary institution **and**
- ❑ May receive a DEG for one or more courses taken at one or more eligible postsecondary institutions
- ❑ Must achieve a minimum 2.0 college GPA to continue

# Dual Enrollment Grant Amounts for Semester Hour Courses at Eligible Institutions

- ❑ For the first five (5) dual enrollment semester courses, the DEG award amount is the average in-state tuition determined by TBR at a community college, plus a 5% access fee of the average tuition
- ❑ For semester courses 6 – 10, TSAC will determine the award amount per credit hour

# Dual Enrollment Grant Amounts at TCATs and Moore Tech

- ❑ For 1296 clock hour programs, the DEG award amount is the average in-state tuition determined by TBR for TCATs, plus a 5% access fee of the average tuition

# Dual Enrollment Grant Termination

Students are eligible to receive the DEG for no more than:

- Ten (10) semester hour courses at institutions that offer degrees; **and**
- 1,296 clock hours at TCATs



# Middle College Scholarship

- ❑ Must complete an on-line application for each academic year
- ❑ Must first receive the MCS as a high school junior and have earned a minimum 3.0 high school GPA at the end of the sophomore year
- ❑ Must maintain a minimum 3.0 college GPA
- ❑ Expected to Begin Fall 2022 - \$1,625 per semester (\$2,250 per year)
- ❑ Must enroll full-time as a middle college student at one of the following eligible postsecondary institutions:

# Middle College Scholarship

- Chattanooga State Community College
- Cleveland State Community College
- Jackson State Community College
- Motlow State Community College
- Nashville State Community College
- Roane State Community College
- Volunteer State Community College

# Middle College Scholarship

## Terminating Events:

- No longer enrolled at a Middle College
- Fails to maintain a minimum 3.0 college GPA
- Fails to maintain full-time enrollment
- Earns an Associate Degree
- Graduates from high school
- Two years have passed from the date of enrollment as a middle college student

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**QUESTIONS?**