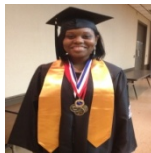


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Tennessee Scholars Requirements

Tennessee Scholars is a workforce development program designed to communicate to students the requirements for success in post-secondary education and the workforce. The curriculum is based on the existing higher education system in Tennessee which includes all Tennessee Post-secondary institutions. It also fully considers the manufacturing and service industries in Tennessee and the trainable workforce needed for continuing their operations and ensures Tennessee's success in attracting new industry. The Tennessee Scholars curriculum gives students the greatest number of options to pursue academic excellence, to enter post-secondary education, the military, or the workforce. The benefits for graduating as a Tennessee Scholar are: full tuition to any Tennessee College of Applied Technology and scholarships to many two year and four Tennessee post-secondary schools. It guarantees increased job potential, recognition, and rewards. Scholars designation is recognized on job applications in more than twenty states.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATING AS A TENNESSEE SCHOLAR

- 4 English Courses
- 4 Mathematics Courses (Algebra I, Algebra 2, Geometry, and one higher level math).
Bridge math will not count toward Tennessee Scholars requirements!!!!
- 3 Laboratory Science Courses (Biology and Chemistry are required and one additional lab science, Physics strongly preferred)
- 3 Social Studies
- Personal Finance as required by the State of Tennessee
- Must meet State requirements for health and / or physical education
- 1 Fine Arts
- 2 Foreign Language courses in the same language

Additional Criteria –Choose at least two credits from the following: (These courses can be a combination of two of the following or two in the same category). These additional courses cannot count toward other requirements for Tennessee Scholars.

- ❖ Career Technical Education
- ❖ Fine arts (Such as music, art, dance, drama, production, etc)
- ❖ AP courses which are not already used for basic requirements
- ❖ Dual credit / dual enrollment courses
- ❖ International Baccalaureate courses not used for basic requirements
- ❖ Online not used for basic requirements

Workforce Development Skills Requirements

- 80 hours of Volunteer Service to the Community (See website for non approved Volunteer hours).
- Maintain a "C" Average minimum in all Tennessee Scholars courses.
- 95% Attendance Required. (Cannot miss more than 36 total days in 4 years of high school)
- No out-of-school suspensions



Scholarships

Students receive financial assistance at the following post secondary institutions: (Certain Criteria apply)

- All Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology offer tuition assistance to Tennessee Scholars
- Cleveland State in Cleveland \$1500 (For counties in the Cleveland State Community College Service Area Only)
- Bryan College in Dayton \$500
- Walters State Community College \$300
- Roane State Community College \$500(limited number of scholarships for schools in RSCC area)
- Mountain Empire Community College in Scott County, VA (Full)
- East TN State University in Johnson City (Private endowment for students in Washington County)
- Volunteer State University (Sumner County Residents only)
- Lee University \$2500(Bradley County Students Only)
- Union University \$2500 per year for 4 years(All Tennessee Scholars)
- Cumberland University \$1500 (Wilson County Students only) Limited number of scholarships.
- Martin Methodist College
- More Universities are being added

Other Rewards and Incentives

- Medallion worn at graduation
- Gold seal on diploma
- Permanent stamp on diploma
- Job preferential hiring
- Local, state, and national recognition





◆ **Helpful things to remember as you prepare for your future**

Begin to prepare for your future early in your academic career. Most employers will look at your high school transcript, attendance, and discipline record as a hiring tool. Your high school transcript is a permanent record. Being a Tennessee Scholar offers job clout.

◆ **Inappropriate email address and use of informal language in resumes won't get you the job.**

The increasing prevalence of social media and use of informal language in text and instant messages, especially among the younger generation of job-seekers, has significantly influenced the writing style of their resumes. Do not use abbreviations such as 'tks' instead of 'thanks' and 'u' instead of 'you', in resumes and introductory letters on a job application. Inappropriate email addresses such as encourages a negative assessment on the part of employers who evaluate the job applicants within the first few minutes of reading their resumes. It is often interpreted by employers that the applicant is not serious about the job and would approach his or her job in a similar manner. Most employers check Facebook accounts of applicants. Keep all of your social media footprints clean and career ready!

◆ **DUI's will cause you to lose or not get a job.**

DUI offenses are considered as serious crimes for which the punishments & penalties imposed against offenders are getting harsher, particularly with independent state laws. Yes, you can lose a job for DUI. Your driving record as a teenager can cost you a job.

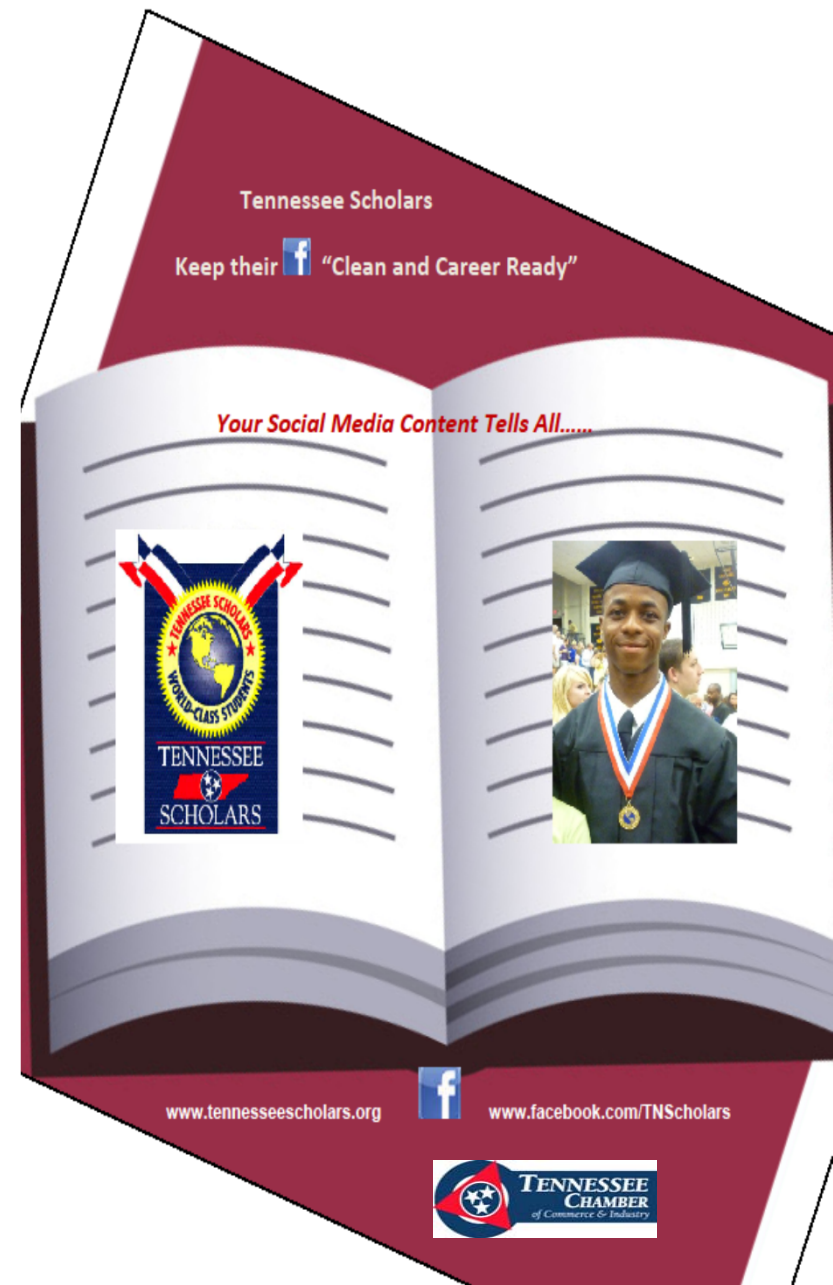
◆ **The Military requires either a high school diploma or a GED with 15 hours of college credit to be eligible to enlist.**

◆ **100% of jobs require post-secondary education or training.**

Start researching careers NOW!!!

Make a plan to be successful.

Your "Attitude determines you Altitude" or how high you go on the success ladder.



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