

# TENNESSEE FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

## WANT TO BE A TEACHER? LET US HELP YOU!

The Tennessee Future Teacher Scholarship is intended to encourage exemplary students to enter the teaching field in Tennessee. Participation is limited to college juniors and seniors admitted to an approved educator preparation program (EPP) in a Tennessee college or university.

### TO BE ELIGIBLE AN APPLICANT MUST:

- Be admitted to and enrolled in an approved EPP
- Be eligible for, and receive, a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship
- Maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average required by the EPP
- Complete the scholarship application as required by TSAC
- Sign a promissory note agreeing to teach in a Tennessee public school for at least four (4) consecutive years in a targeted setting
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an official of the teacher education program from the eligible postsecondary institution.

### AWARD AMOUNT

For students attending a public institution, the award amount will be tuition and mandatory fees less gift aid. Gift aid is financial aid received from the Pell Grant, the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship, or the Tennessee Student Assistance Award.

For students attending a private institution, the award cannot exceed the average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the state's public institutions less gift aid.

### SERVICE OBLIGATION

Students selected for the program are required to sign a promissory note incurring an obligation to teach in a Tennessee public school for at least four (4) consecutive years in a targeted setting. A targeted setting is a Tennessee public school in a distressed or at-risk county or a critical shortage subject area, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Recipients must be employed as a full-time teacher to fulfill the service obligation associated with the program. Recipients, who do not meet this obligation, must repay 25% of the total scholarship received for each year they do not teach in a targeted setting.

TSAC must receive completed applications by September 1 for consideration.

For more information, contact TSAC at **(615) 253-7479** or **cindy.runnels@tn.gov**.



**COLLEGE  
FOR TN**

All information requested must be complete and **received by TSAC no later than September 1, 2023**. Awards are highly competitive and subject to the availability of funding.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

1.Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. SSN: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State ZIP Code

4. County of Permanent Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MM/DD/YYYY

9. Do you currently have a teaching license? YES/NO

10. Are you currently employed as a teacher? YES/NO

11. Are you a current or prior award recipient of any other service obligations that require a teaching commitment or other service obligation after you receive your teacher licensure?

Robert Noyce Scholarship: YES/NO

Federal Teach Grant: YES/NO

Other: YES/NO Please specify type and name: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What level do you plan to teach?

13. What subject area do you plan to teach? \_\_\_\_\_

14. When do you anticipate completing the requirements for teacher licensure? \_\_\_\_\_

MM/YYYY

15. Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MM/YYYY

16. Have you ever received a federal student loan? YES/NO If yes, what is the current status of the loan?

Deferment Forbearance Paid in Full Repayment Default

**COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

17. Which TN institution will you attend to earn your teaching credential? \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is your class level for the academic year for which you are applying? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Indicate the number of credit hours you will be taking for each term:

Fall 2023 Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2024 Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2024 Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REFERENCE INFORMATION** (All applicants must provide this information)

Reference must be a relative or close friend.

20. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

21. Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

23. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State ZIP Code

24. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Employer Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State ZIP Code

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**CURRENT COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

27. Name of Postsecondary Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

28. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City State ZIP Code

**Note:** A letter of recommendation from an official of the teacher education program is required for TSAC to complete the application process and may be either attached to the application email or transmitted directly to TSAC by the official making the recommendation.

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**CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT**

**I understand that this application must be completed in full and received at TSAC by September 1, 2023.**

I realize it must be supported by a letter of recommendation attesting to my commitment to teaching from an official of the approved educator preparation program to which I have been admitted. I certify I have read this application and it is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide, if requested, any other documentation to verify such information. I affirm that any funds obtained, as a result of this application, will be used solely for expenses related to attendance in the approved educator preparation program at the educational institution. I understand that I must reapply for this program each year. I agree to notify TSAC of any change in my status including, but not limited to, name, address, and enrollment status. I understand that to remain eligible for the program I must maintain the GPA required by the approved educator preparation program at my institution. I affirm my intent to teach in a Tennessee public school in a targeted setting for four (4) consecutive years, (regardless of the number of semesters or years of funding I have received) at the Pre-K, elementary, middle, or high school level. I understand I will be required to sign a promissory note before awards are made. I also understand this is a pilot program for five (5) academic years, beginning Fall 2023 and ending Summer 2028. No funds will be available after this term.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE