

**Back to School Scholarships for Adults brought to you by the Tennessee State
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To make this easier, we will identify adults as students 25 and older who wish to go to school or return to school.

Resources for Students in Tennessee

<https://www.tn.gov/thec/learn-about/student-resources.html>

Here are many resources for students in Tennessee for all ages. We will click on several of these and touch on a few.

<https://www.tn.gov/collegepays>

Click on **Money for College** for several resources and programs.

Direct Link for TSAC's **Money for College**:

<https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college.html>

<https://www.collegefortn.org/open/welcome>

CollegeforTN.org explores resources for adult learners, educators, parents, high school students, middle school students, and elementary school students.

<https://tncampus.org/>

Online degrees in Tennessee—"Resource for finding online programs and courses offered by public, post-secondary institutions in Tennessee."

Under **Future Students**, you can find **Scholarships in Tennessee**.

<https://tncampus.org/minorities-and-non-traditional-students>

Information here about scholarships for Minorities and Non-traditional students in Tennessee

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/checklists/adult-student>

Adult Student Checklist for FAFSA—this outlines a process that is beneficial to check out.

TNReconnect Information

<https://www.tnreconnect.gov/>

From webpage: “Tennessee Reconnect is Governor Bill Haslam’s initiative to help more of our state’s adults enter higher education to gain new skills, advance in the workplace, and fulfill lifelong dreams of completing a degree or credential.”

Tennessee Reconnect is a scholarship for adults to earn an associate degree or technical certificate, tuition-free.

To be eligible for the Tennessee Reconnect scholarship, you must not already have an associate or bachelor’s degree, have been a Tennessee resident for at least one year, and be determined as an independent student on the FAFSA.

<https://www.tnreconnect.gov/PayForCollege/tabid/5232/Default.aspx>

Different ways to pay for college, which also lists eligibility requirements for those options, such as federal Pell grants, TN Hope Scholarship for Non-traditional Students, Tennessee Student Assistance Award, Tennessee Reconnect Grant to earn a technical certificate or an associate degree, and other ways to pay for college (institutional scholarships, scholarships for veterans or service members, employer tuition reimbursement programs, federal income tax benefits for education expenses and more)

Scholarships and Other Opportunities for Adult Students

While some scholarships have age restrictions, many are open to all ages. This means you should also look for general scholarships as well as scholarships for adult students.

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/age/scholarships-for-non-traditional-students/>

Scholarships for Non-traditional students (students over 25 years of age)

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

A complete list of scholarships brought to you by Jessica Velasco of JLV Counseling.

At the end of each page, click on **NEXT to view more scholarships**

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/all-scholarships-2/>

Scholarships by Monthly deadlines

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

CareerOneStop Scholarship database

<https://www.scarlettfoundation.org/Scholarships/>

Application for the 2019-2020 school year opens September 15, 2018.

Selected criteria: "Eligibility

Scarlett Family Foundation Scholarships are open to high school seniors and college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who will graduate or have graduated from a public, independent or homeschool association high school in 40 Middle Tennessee counties. Also eligible are individuals who have obtained a GED prior to June 1, 2018.

Qualified applicants must meet all the following criteria:

1. Graduated high school (or GED) from one of the eligible counties.
2. Demonstrate financial need via 1040 tax return.
3. GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Pursuing a business or STEM approved degree at a 4 year, non-profit college or university.
5. Planning to enroll full-time in the fall of 2018.”

Check the website above for approved business and STEM majors, including eligible counties,

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/>

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program—up to \$40,000

<https://www.accountcontrolfoundation.org/foundation-programs.html>

While no longer accepting application for 2018, you can learn about these scholarships for next year.

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/fortune500.htm>

Company Sponsored Scholarships (skip the ads!)

<https://www.utc.edu/integrated-studies/scholarships.php>

Explore college websites for scholarship information on outside sources

<https://www.nitrocollege.com/scholarships>

Good database of scholarships

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

Unigo Database of Scholarships

<https://www.goodcall.com/scholarships/>

Goodcall Scholarship Database

SKIP THE ADS! (Some of the ads are legitimate, but sadly I can't vouch for them all. Avoid the single mom or single dad scholarships—I and a few other students have received calls, and some of the operators are not scrupulous, trying to pressure students in pursuing degrees at for-profit colleges and to take on heavy student loans.)

They often ask very extensive, very invasive questions if you sign up for them, in order to give that information to marketers.)

Adults Who Finished an Associate's or Bachelor's degree

<https://tnreconnect.gov/Student/SearchforCourseEquivalencies/tabid/4623/Default.aspx>

<https://tnreconnect.gov/Student/SearchforTransferAgreements/tabid/4625/Default.aspx>

A discussion about course equivalencies and articulation agreements

Visit the individual school also for articulation agreements

Tennessee State University information, programs at TSU, and filling out the FAFSA

http://www.tnstate.edu/academic_programs/apply.aspx

Information about applying to Tennessee State University

http://www.tnstate.edu/financial_aid/

Financial aid information for qualified students applying to TSU—here you can learn how to apply for Admissions, apply for scholarships, how to accept your financial aid award, estimate your tuition costs at TSU (net price calculator), and see if you qualify for the special tuition rate for out-of-state students within a 250-mile radius of Nashville, TN.

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

You can now fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in October of each year. For help in filling out the FAFSA, click on the link above.

<https://blog.ed.gov/2017/09/the-parents-guide-to-filling-out-the-fafsa-form/>

The Parent's Guide to Filling Out the FAFSA® Form

<https://blog.ed.gov/2017/09/8-steps-to-filling-out-the-fafsa-form/>

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<https://blog.ed.gov/> --in the search this website field, type in **FAFSA** to see the latest articles about filling out the FAFSA

<http://www.tnstate.edu/commcolleges/scholarships.aspx>

Find information here about community college graduate scholarships, the Tom Joyner Foundation Teaching scholarship, the Southwest Tennessee Community College Transfer Scholarships, scholarships by College (Engineering, Business, and Agriculture), and the MARC*U-Star Research Program.

<http://www.tnstate.edu/index.aspx>

Finding more scholarships at TSU—in the search field, type in *scholarships* and then hit ENTER.

You will get a list of pages featuring scholarships and scholarship information. If you find some of the dates are out of date, assume the deadlines may repeat around the same time the next year. You can contact the departments, asking if the scholarship is still offered and what the new due date may be.

Also, there will be links to outside scholarship opportunities. If you find the links are out of date, just google the name of the scholarship in a separate browser or tab to see find the latest scholarship information.

http://www.tnstate.edu/about_tsu/fast_facts.aspx/#accreditation

Information about TSU's accreditation, including the various associations that approve or recognize specific programs at TSU

http://www.tnstate.edu/about_tsu/about.aspx

Information about TSU's HBCU legacy

<http://www.tnstate.edu/commcolleges/scholarships.aspx>

TSU's Community College Initiatives

2+2 Programs at TSU—TSU has various agreements with local community colleges you can explore—type into the search field, 2+2 Program

<http://www.tnstate.edu/ait/degrees.aspx>

<http://www.tnstate.edu/ait/admission.aspx>

Dual Enrollment agreements with Nashville State Community College and Columbia State Community College

From page above:

“A Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Aeronautical and Industrial Technology is offered in the following concentrations:

Industrial Electronics Technology Program

Emphasizes Electronics, Operations, Management, Robotics, Material Handling and Quality Control. Note that one can take the first two years of this concentration at Nashville State Community College at community college tuition rates with our new 2+2 program.

Aviation Flight Training Program

Emphasizes preparation for careers in commercial aviation. Note that one can take the first two years of this concentration at Columbia State Community College at community college tuition rates with our new 2+2 program.

Aviation Management Program

Prepares one for managerial careers in the aviation industry including commercial, government and military. Note that one can take the first two years of this concentration at Columbia State Community College at community college tuition rates with our new 2+2 program.”

<http://www.tnstate.edu/criminaljustice/documents/MOTLOW%20%20plus%20%20Flyer.pdf>

2+2 Bachelor's Degree Program in Criminal Justice between Motlow State Community College and TSU

http://www.tnstate.edu/criminaljustice/documents/TSUVS_INFOFLYER.pdf

2+2 Bachelor's Degree Completion Program between Vol State and TSU

Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields

<http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/index.aspx>

Information about the program.

Explore the side banner. Under **Resources**, you will find

- **Careers, Fellowships, Internships, Scholarships, Summer Research Opportunities**
- **Pathways to Science STEM Summer and Other Opportunities**
- **Guide to a Debt Free College Degree**

http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/about_us.aspx

About the program.

<http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/contact.aspx>

Contact information about the program if you have any questions.

<http://www.tnstate.edu/tlsamp/apply.aspx>

How to Apply.

Little Known Resources to Find Funding

1. <http://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market>

Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas are three of the 15 states that are a part of the Academic Common Market.

They are “Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia; Florida and Texas participate only at the graduate level.”

North Carolina no longer participates in the Academic Common Market.

From webpage: “The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in 15 SREB states, who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the institution’s in-state tuition rates. More than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate programs are available.”

You might pay in-state tuition rates for out of state programs.

Tennessee State University is one of the participating institutions.

<http://home.sreb.org/acm/participating/institutionstates.aspx>

Click on your state to find the contact and webpage for the Academic Common Market for your state.

http://www.nasfaa.org/students/State_Regional_College_Tuition_Discounts.aspx

For those who have stumbled upon this presentation and you’re from another state, explore other State and Regional College Tuition Discount programs above.

2. <http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm>

Grants for Individuals page, updated and maintained by Jon Harrison, contains a breakdown of “funding opportunities for individuals, such as financial aid or scholarships for students.”

Funding is broken down by subject, by population group, and by academic level (precollege, undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctorate).

Also, consider multiple categories you can explore. For example, if you are sociology major but also play an instrument or sing, you might check under Music.

If you are pre-law, besides Law, you might check under Writing for writing competitions you can enter. Be creative. Do not limit yourself.

The links on this page are checked regularly and updated.

3. Grants to Individuals Online database

There is a little known resource called **Grants to Individual Online database**, accessible to students and others through **Funding Information Network Locations**.

If you happen to be in Nashville, TN, then the **Nashville Public Library at 615 Church St, Nashville, TN 37219, Phone: (615) 862-5800** is one of those locations.

Nashville Public Library staff can help patrons access and navigate the site as needed.

<http://grantspace.org/find-us>

By putting in your **zip code at the website** at the above link, you can **find libraries or places you can go to access this database**.

<http://gtionline.foundationcenter.org/>—This is the official page to look once you get to one of those libraries. I believe if one of these libraries aren't close to you, it costs about \$20 to access for one month.

Looking for Scholarships, Internships, and other Government Programs using Benefits.gov

<https://www.benefits.gov/>

Started in 2002, Benefits.gov has become the portal for information about government benefits, which includes state information.

Students, and also parents, can choose to answer questions in the Benefit Finder Tool and find benefits, including scholarships, internships, and government programs, they can apply for.

Some programs I saw in the past:

Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals,

Disadvantaged Backgrounds and Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships, and

Undergrad Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, in which “individuals must pursue a course of study which prepares them for professions needed by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The maximum scholarship per academic year is \$20,000. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition/educational and living expenses incurred while attending school.”

In other words, use this resource!

Other Resources for Adult Students and Others

<https://library.nashville.org/content/testing-education-reference-center>

The Tennessee Electronic Library came out with its new **Testing and Education Reference Center**. It includes a scholarship search tool as well as other information about planning for and paying for college. Give it a spin! You do not need to be at a library to access the website. (Thanks to Kevin McMahon for this valuable tool and writeup).

<http://nashvilleliteracy.org/resources/>

Resources provided by the Nashville Adult Literacy Council

<https://www.cof.org/community-foundation-locator>

Community Foundation Scholarships

Use this Community Foundation Locator at the link above to find a community foundation close to your permanent residence and see what scholarships may be available.

The **Middle Tennessee Community Foundation** administers many scholarship programs; the program opens around January and deadline is March 15, 2018.

<https://tigerscholars.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/parent-and-teen-summit-memphis-tn-21-march-2018.pdf>

Previous Handout I created has scholarships for high school and beyond

Information about Michael Turner:

I have been giving seminars on how to use the Internet to find scholarships since 1996, about the time Fastweb.com became more common.

I have served as a writing tutor/instructor in my current position at Tennessee State University since 1999. I also help students find scholarships and other opportunities to help pay for college as a scholarship coach. A Scholarship Tigers report is where I take the student's information such as age, major, GPA, future career goals, interests, and hobbies, and we look for scholarships, internships, and other opportunities that fit him or her and his or her major.

Some students I have coached have received the Gates Millennium Scholarship, the Teddy Wilburn scholarship, Bryan A. Collins Memorial Scholarship, among others. I point out the opportunity, but students have to take action by applying and getting the material together.

My hope is for students to graduate with less college debt and more money.

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