

FINANCIAL RESOURCE GUIDE

Below you will find resources for scholarships and money management. Review the following information before registering with any outside organizations or submitting private information to websites.

- ✓ Please exercise caution when applying for third-party scholarships. **Do not pay** or provide sensitive personal information to any online financial aid service.
- ✓ Speak with **your employer** and **parents' employers** about any scholarships that their businesses might provide (ex. Walmart, Amazon, BlueCross BlueShield)
- ✓ Check with your church, civic organization, or high school guidance office for more information about local scholarships.
- ✓ When writing your application essays, include your current circumstances, your future educational and career goals, and mention how a scholarship can help you achieve those goals. Follow minimum/maximum word guidelines and **proofread** the essay before submitting it.

General Scholarship Advice and Tips

- <u>Federal Student Aid Scholarship Scams</u> Review this federal aid resource first to avoid scams and fraudulent scholarship websites
- Scholarship Essay Tips US News & World Report tips on writing scholarship essays

Local Scholarships:

- Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee
- East Tennessee Foundation East Tennessee Foundation
- Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga Local scholarships
- Ronald McDonald House of Chattanooga Scholarships awarded by the local Ronald McDonald House
- MaryEllen Locher Foundation Scholarships for children of mothers diagnosed with breast cancer
- Scarlett Family Foundation Scholarships for students from Middle Tennessee counties
- Executive Women International of Chattanooga Scholarships for EWI members in Chattanooga

National Scholarship Search Engines:

- Fastweb Scholarships Extensive scholarship resource database
- College Board Scholarship Search The College Board scholarship database
- <u>US Department of Labor Scholarships</u> US Department of Labor scholarships database
- SmartStudent Guide Scholarship and resource search engine and information database

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Scholarships for Special Populations:

- United Negro College Fund Scholarships Scholarships and internships for African American students
- BlackStudents.com Scholarships Scholarships for African American students
- National Forum for Black Public Administrators Applications for African American student scholarships
- <u>Hispanic Scholarship Fund</u> Scholarships for Hispanic students
- Gates Millennium Scholars Program Gates Foundation scholarships for minority students
- American Indian Graduate Center Scholarships for Native Americans
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund Scholarships for students of Asian and Pacific descent
- <u>US News & World Report Scholarship Coach</u> Scholarships for Non-Traditional students
- <u>Jack Kent Cooke Foundation</u> Scholarships for low-income students
- <u>Cancer for College</u> Scholarships for current and former cancer patients
- Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships for minority students
- Ron Brown Scholar Program Scholarships for minority students
- <u>US Army ROTC Scholarship Program</u> Scholarships for students who enroll in ROTC
- <u>Best Colleges</u> Scholarships for Hispanic, Latino, and Undocumented students
- Benjamin A. Gilman Study Abroad Program Scholarships for study abroad students
- NAEHCY Scholarship Fund Scholarships for students experiencing homelessness
- SchoolHouse Connection Scholarships for students experiencing homelessness
- Horatio Alger Scholarships Scholarships for technical programs and other majors
- Family Fellowship Scholarships Scholarships for students in foster care
- Winners For Life Scholarships for at-risk and underprivileged students

Corporate Scholarships:

- Walmart Foundation Scholarships and Grants Scholarships for Walmart employees and other funds
- <u>Coca Cola Scholars Foundation</u> Scholarships awarded by Coca Cola Bottling Company
- AXA Foundation One student awarded for each state
- BlueCross BlueShield Scholarship Diversity scholarships for underserved populations
- Nordson BUILDS Scholarship STEM, Business, and Manufacturing scholarships

Transfer Scholarships:

- University of Tennessee Chattanooga Scholarships for students transferring to UTC
- Tennessee Tech University Scholarship page for prospective Tennessee Tech students
- University of Tennessee Two-year transfer scholarships for prospective UTK students
- University of Memphis Information about applying for scholarships at Memphis
- Middle Tennessee State Transfer scholarships for MTSU
- Tennessee State University Transfer scholarships for Tennessee State
- East Tennessee State University Scholarship information for prospective ETSU students

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TN Hope and Lottery Resources

- TN Hope Requirements Requirements and policies
- TN Promise Requirements and deadlines for TN Promise
- TN Reconnect Application and requirements for TN Reconnect
- TN Hope Frequently Asked Eligibility Questions Frequently Asked Questions about qualifying for Hope
- College for TN Financial aid, Lottery, TN Promise, and graduation planning for TN students

Financial Literacy Resources

- <u>College Money Management</u> 40 Money management tips every college student should know
- <u>United Way Free Income Tax Filing</u> Free tax filing service based on income
- Free Credit Report Free credit reporting useful for jobs and loans
- <u>Common Cents Financial Literacy</u> Primary contact for Chattanooga's local financial literacy agency
- Wally Free money management app
- Mint Free money management app
- Credit Karma Free money management and credit score resource
- <u>CashCourse</u> Free financial literacy resource provided by Chattanooga State Community College

Miscellaneous Resources

- <u>Childcare Access Grant (CCAMPIS)</u> Discounted campus childcare for ChattState students
- <u>Chattanooga Rescue Mission</u> Emergency shelter for Chattanooga residents
- YMCA Financial Aid Membership Application Discounted membership to the YMCA

ChattState Tiger Tutorials

- How to Find Your Financial Aid Requirements
- How to Check Your ChattState Email Account
- How to Complete a Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal
- How to View Your eBill Statement
- How to Find Your Advisor or Success Coach
- How to Complete a Loan Modification Form
- How to Complete Dependent Student Verification Part 1
- How to Complete Dependent Student Verification Part 2