

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Freshman Year

If you plan to complete a two-year degree and transfer to MTSU, do the following:

- ❑ **All year:** Focus on earning high grades. A great start will help you reach your academic goals and qualify you for more scholarships!
Take an average of 15 hours per semester. To qualify for most transfer scholarships, you will need at least 45 earned hours after the fall semester of your second year.
- ❑ **Spring:** Start searching for scholarship opportunities. Begin a scholarship folder with information about scholarships in which you are interested. Note the source of the scholarship, requirements, application process, and deadline to apply.
- ❑ **Summer:** Begin applying for private and institutional scholarships.

Sophomore Year

(or the year before you plan to transfer to MTSU)

- ❑ **All year:** Continue to focus on your grades. Many scholarships will consider your GPA only through the end of the fall semester of this year.
- ❑ **Fall:** Continue searching and applying for private and institutional scholarships.
- ❑ **Spring:** File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. This is the application for federal grants and loans, the lottery scholarship, and other aid. File your FAFSA in early January to qualify for need-based aid, or by April 1 if you do not expect to receive need-based aid.
- ❑ Apply for admission to MTSU by February 1 to be considered for a Transfer Academic Service Scholarship.
- ❑ Submit an official transcript through the Fall 2011 semester by February 1.
- ❑ Submit a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship application and/or a 2+2 Scholarship application by February 1, if eligible.
- ❑ Submit scholarship acceptance forms or other required paperwork by the stated deadline.
- ❑ If you have been offered multiple scholarships, initially accept all that are offered. Make a final decision by May 1, then notify schools or donors of any scholarships you wish to decline.
- ❑ Expecting to transfer a lottery scholarship to MTSU? Contact a lottery scholarship staff member when your transfer grades are listed on your MTSU transcript, so that we can check your eligibility.

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2012-2013 Incoming Transfer Scholarship Guide*



*useful information

TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP

Students currently receiving a lottery scholarship may be eligible to receive the award at MTSU; students transferring from an out-of-state institution may qualify if they were initially eligible at the time of high school graduation. Initial and continuing eligibility must be verified before the award can be applied.

If you believe you may be eligible for a lottery scholarship, please complete the following steps:

- Inform your current school's Financial Aid Office that you are planning to transfer, so your lottery scholarship can be cancelled.
- If you did not list MTSU as the first school on your 2012-2013 FAFSA, inform Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) of your plans to transfer. Visit www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/telstransfer_scholarships.shtml for more information.
- If you do not have at least 60 earned hours, submit official high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores to the MTSU Admissions Office.
- Send a full transcript to MTSU's Admissions Office, and contact a lottery scholarship staff member when you receive confirmation that your transcript has been processed.

Private Scholarship Opportunities

Millions of scholarships are offered by private companies, clubs, civic groups, and other organizations. These awards amount to billions of dollars in scholarship funds to American students each year! Criteria for private scholarships may be academic in nature, such as a certain GPA or ACT score, or they may be based on characteristics of you or your family. You can find information about many of these private scholarships through free scholarship search websites such as these:

- fastweb.com
- careersandcolleges.com
- scholarshipexperts.com
- collegescholarships.org

Please note that these websites are not administered by MTSU. This information is provided as a courtesy only.

Visit www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/private_scholarships.shtml for tips on how to find and win scholarships as well as instructions on what to do if you receive a private scholarship.

BEWARE OF SCAMS!
IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU TO PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION OR SUBMIT A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FEE, JUST SAY NO! THE INFORMATION IS FREE THROUGH OTHER SOURCES, SUCH AS A HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE OR THE ABOVE WEBSITES.

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Visit www.mtsu.edu/scholarships for more information.

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TRANSFER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AT MTSU

Students who are interested in the following scholarships must have

- an admission application
- an application fee
- an official transcript (through the Fall 2011 semester)
- an official high school transcript
- a scholarship application (where applicable)

on file in the MTSU Admissions Office.

Priority consideration will be given to students who apply for admission and submit transcripts and scholarship applications by February 1, 2012.

TBR Community College Academic Service

- For students transferring from and currently enrolled at a Tennessee community college
- 45 awards of \$3,000 per year
- 3.0 GPA after Fall 2011
- 45 earned hours after Fall 2011 or verification (by February 1) that student will complete associate's degree by August 2012
- Priority consideration to current community college Academic Service Scholarship recipients
- No scholarship application required

2+2

- Five (5) awards of \$3,000 per year
- 3.0 GPA after Fall 2011
- 3rd- or 4th-year participant in 2+2 program at Columbia State or Motlow State
- Online scholarship application must be submitted by February 1.
- No service requirement
- Information and application available at www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/transfers_scholarships.shtml

PHI THETA KAPPA

- Five (5) awards of \$4,000 per year
- Member of Phi Theta Kappa
- Priority consideration to members of the All-Tennessee Academic Team
- Scholarship application must be submitted by Feb. 1
- Contact the Admissions Office at 615-898-2111 for additional information
- Application available at www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/transfers_scholarships.shtml

Non-TBR Academic Service

- For students transferring from a school other than a Tennessee community college
- 15 awards of \$3,000 per year
- 3.5 GPA and 45 earned hours after Fall 2011
- No scholarship application required

THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- All incoming transfer students who apply for admission by the priority deadline and meet the minimum requirements will be considered for a Transfer Academic Service Scholarship; please note application requirements for other scholarships.
- Transfer scholarships are *highly* competitive. Students meeting the minimum criteria will be ranked by priority level, GPA, and scholarship application responses (where applicable) within each scholarship type. Awards will be offered to top-ranked students to the extent that funding is available.
- Scholarships are granted for a maximum of four (4) semesters. Scholarships are not available during the summer term.

Due to limited funding, students with more than 90 earned hours will not be considered for transfer scholarships.

- Only students who receive scholarships will be notified. Award letters will be sent in April 2012 and will include an agreement form which must be signed and returned.
- Scholarship recipients (except 2+2 Scholarship) are required to complete 75 hours of service to MTSU each semester. For more information, visit www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/ssp_scholarships.shtml.
- Recipients must meet GPA and enrollment requirements to maintain continuing eligibility.
- Recipients must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student, only one scholarship from the MTSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office can be accepted. A student may receive a university scholarship in addition to a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.
- A student's total aid including scholarships cannot exceed his or her budgeted Cost of Attendance. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at (615) 898-2830.
- The awarding of scholarships is based on the availability of funds and the criteria set forth by the appropriate governing bodies, and is subject to change without notice.

COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships require an application or other paperwork. Only one scholarship from the MTSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office can be accepted; students selected for multiple scholarships from the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (including the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship) will be awarded the higher of the two. Students may receive a scholarship from the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office in addition to a scholarship from another MTSU department in most cases.

Foundation Scholarships

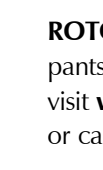
MTSU academic and administrative departments offer approximately 700 endowed scholarships to hundreds of students each year. Application processes and deadlines vary; many scholarships require online applications or paper applications, while others are awarded based on academic achievement or other factors and do not require an application. Most application deadlines are on or before February 15, 2012. For more information about Foundation Scholarships, visit www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/foundation_scholarships.shtml.

Department Scholarships

Several MTSU departments offer scholarships to students participating in certain courses or activities. Students may or may not be required to major in a particular area to qualify for such scholarships. Areas offering such scholarships include, but are not limited to, the following:



Music: Competitive music scholarships are awarded to both music and non-music majors for instrumental or vocal performance. Band scholarships are also available. For audition dates and requirements, visit www.mtsu.edu/music/scholarships.shtml.



ROTC: Scholarships are awarded to ROTC program participants by the Military Science Department. For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/arotc1/scholarships_MilitarySci.shtml or call 615-898-2470.



Athletic: Student-athlete scholarships at MTSU are awarded by the coaching staff of that particular sport. For more information, please visit www.GoBlueRaiders.com.

Students are encouraged to contact departments of interest to ask about scholarship opportunities.