Guaranteed Incoming Freshman Academic Scholarships
For students starting in summer or fall only
Incoming freshmen who plan to enroll at MTSU must have ALL of
the following on file in the Admissions Office by Dec. 1 to be
considered for a scholarship:
• Application for admission as a new incoming freshman
• Admission application fee paid
• Qualifying official ACT and/or SAT test score
• Only ACT/SAT scores on file with MTSU as of the Dec. 1 deadline will be
considered. MTSU will not consider writing test subscores or accept test
superscores in regard to scholarship consideration.
• Qualifying official sixth-semester high school transcript with cumulative
GPA requirement (transcript must reflect GPA through end of junior year)
• Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident
No scholarship application is required for guaranteed academic scholarships.
Student will receive notification of the scholarship award offer by February.
To take advantage of the scholarship offer, students must accept the
scholarship by May 1!
Students can receive this scholarship for up to four years (or eight semesters)
as long as the scholarship renewal eligibility requirements are met.

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Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships

Competitive Incoming Freshman Scholarships
For students starting in summer or fall only
National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Achievement Scholarships
$6,000 per year for four years
Students must submit the letter from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation
verifying semifinalist status, or from the College Board for National Hispanic
Recognition Program based on PSAT scores, to MT One Stop. Priority deadline is Feb. 15. No separate scholarship application is required.

Buchanan Fellowship
This is the highest award given to an entering freshman in the University Honors College. A minimum ACT score of 30 (or SAT of 1390) and a minimum 3.5 GPA are required for consideration. Buchanan Fellows will receive (1) an amount equal to 16 hours of in- or out-of-state tuition and fees, (2) a $1,000 book allowance, and (3) consideration for study abroad scholarships. Up to 20 fellowships may be awarded per year. For more information and an application, please visit mtsu.edu/honors/scholarships.php.

MTSU DREAM Scholarship
Diverse Representation and Educational Access at MTSU
Middle Tennessee State University values the richness of learning opportunities
brought through diversity in our student body and faculty. For the purpose of
this scholarship, diversity is considered to include (but is not limited to) any of
the following: veterans, nontraditional students, disability status, first-generation
college students, gender identity/expression, personal hardships, race or
ethnicity, sexual orientation, or special gifts or talents. Recipients of the DREAM Scholarship may receive $2,000 per year for four years.

DREAM Scholarship eligibility requirements
• An incoming freshman joining the University in the summer or fall semester
• A Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or permanent resident
• A graduate of a Tennessee high school or Tennessee home-school
In addition, you must
• meet current academic and other eligibility requirements for the
Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship as of the Feb. 15 scholarship
application deadline
• have an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of 12,000 or less on FAFSA
• enroll full time for every fall and spring semester
• complete the online scholarship application through the MTSU
Scholarship website by Feb. 15
• meet diversity requirements

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships
For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.
In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student such as the
Guaranteed Academic Scholarships, the National Scholarships, Buchanan
Fellowship, and Freshman DREAM Scholarship, the student will be awarded
the higher of the two. A student may receive a University scholarship in addition to a
Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.
An incoming transfer is a student who has not attended MTSU previously (except through a dual enrollment arrangement while still in high school).

**Academic Scholarships**

Students who plan to transfer to MTSU for the summer or fall term and are interested in these transfer scholarships must have ALL of the following materials on file in the Admissions Office by Feb. 15:

- Admission application
- Application fee
- Official college transcript(s) through the fall semester
- Official high school transcript if applicable
- Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

**MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarships**

$3,000 per year for two years; a limited number of recipients incurring out-of-state tuition may receive $4,000 per year for two years. For consideration, the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship and expecting to transfer to MTSU 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, complete the following steps:

- Inform your current school’s financial aid office so your Lottery Scholarship can be canceled (if applicable).
- Submit all required admission documents to the MTSU Admissions Office, including official high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores. We are required to verify initial eligibility even if you have already received the scholarship at another school.
- Submit an official full transcript (through your final semester at your previous school) to the MTSU Admissions Office.
- When you see all of your transfer hours showing on your MTSU transcript in PipelineMT, submit a TELS Transfer Form to request that your account be reviewed.
- If you did not list MTSU as the first school when you initially filed your FAFSA, inform the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) of your plans to transfer.

**Education Lottery Scholarship**

Recipients will be awarded the higher of the two. A student receiving the Education Lottery Scholarship can be awarded the Education Lottery Scholarship or an Honors Transfer Fellowship if they are receiving the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. The student will be awarded the higher-dollar scholarship. Students who are offered two scholarships must have ALL of the following materials on file in the Admissions Office by Feb. 15:

- Admission application
- Application fee
- Official college transcript(s) through the fall semester
- Official high school transcript if applicable
- Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

**Fellowship, and the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, only one scholarship can be accepted. Students who are offered two scholarships will be awarded the higher of the two. 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.

**Scholarship Requirements**

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Recipients cannot receive a MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarship or an Honors Transfer Fellowship if they are receiving the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. The student will be awarded the higher-dollar scholarship. Applicants will be notified in April regarding the scholarship award offer decision.

**Foundation and Departmental Scholarships**

For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.

**Competitive Incoming Transfer Scholarships**

For students starting in summer or fall only

**Honors Transfer Fellowship**

The highest award given to a transfer student, this fellowship is awarded by the University Honors College. Honors Transfer Fellows will receive $7,000 per year for two years; a limited number of recipients incurring out-of-state tuition may receive $14,000 per year. For more information and an application, please visit the Honors College website at mtsu.edu/honors/transfer.php.

Requirements: a minimum of 60 earned hours with at least a 3.5 college GPA

**Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship**

The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship is available to transfer students who are members of PTK and who will be enrolling at MTSU for the first time in the summer or fall semester. Priority is given to transfer students who have been selected as members of the All-Tennessee Academic Team. Recipients will be awarded $4,000 per year for two years. For consideration, the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship application must be submitted via the online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website by March 1 (see page 10).

Requirements: a minimum of 60 earned hours with at least a 3.5 college GPA

Applicants must meet GPA, enrollment, and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements to maintain continuing eligibility. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

**Fine Print**

Recipients must meet GPA, enrollment, and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements to maintain continuing eligibility. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. 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.

**Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships**
The following one-year scholarships are available for current MTSU students. A current MTSU student is a student who was enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the previous spring semester. To be considered, a student must submit an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by the Feb. 15 deadline and must meet GPA requirements as of the Feb. 15 deadline.

**MT Diversity Scholarship**

MT Diversity Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, diversity, and financial need. Awards are typically $500–$2,000 for one year. Award amounts will vary depending on academic achievement and level of financial need and will be prorated based on enrollment. Currently enrolled undergraduates must have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5, must file a FAFSA by Feb. 15, and must meet diversity requirements. Award amounts and criteria may vary depending on funding and the number of eligible applicants.

**Diversity.** MTSU has a rich blend of students from a variety of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds that bring with them a diverse array of life experiences. For the purpose of these scholarships, diversity is considered to include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Disability status
- First-generation college students
- Gender identity/expression
- Nontraditional students
- Personal hardships
- Race or ethnicity
- Sexual orientation
- Special gifts or talents
- Veteran status

Scholarships for nontraditional students and veterans are available! Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships and mtsu.edu/jac

**Departmental 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. Students are encouraged to contact departments of interest to ask about scholarship opportunities. See a complete listing of MTSU departments at mtsu.edu/provost/acad.php.

**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 Feb. 15.

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office awards approximately 80 Foundation Scholarships. These awards require an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by Feb. 15.

**Private Scholarship Opportunities**

Millions of scholarships are offered by private companies, clubs, civic groups, and other organizations. For more information, please visit mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/private.

**FAFSA Information**

MTSU’s School code: 003510

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the federal application for grants, loans, and other programs available through the federal government. However, the FAFSA is also used in determining eligibility for most state aid programs and many MTSU scholarships. Visitfafsa.gov.

The FAFSA is available Oct. 1 each year for the upcoming academic year. File the FAFSA as soon after Oct. 1 as possible. To be considered for FSEOG funds (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) and/or federal work-study funds, MTSU’s FAFSA filing priority date is Feb. 1, 2020.
Meeting MTSU Scholarship Requirements

Any student receiving a renewable academic or endowed scholarship from MTSU must meet continuing eligibility requirements. Your scholarship award agreement will include information about online requirements to retain the scholarship.

How can you keep your MTSU scholarship?
An important factor is GPA. Most scholarships require a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; some may require a higher GPA. Aim for a 3.5 to give yourself plenty of cushion! If you drop below the GPA requirement, you may be able to regain eligibility by bringing your GPA back up.

A second factor is enrollment. Most scholarships require full-time enrollment. If you will not enroll in at least 12 hours or if you must withdraw for a semester, discuss your situation with the department that offered the scholarship before making any changes to your enrollment.

A final factor is time limit. Most scholarships are limited to four or eight semesters. Review your scholarship award agreement on your PipelineMT account to determine how long you can receive the scholarship. When you approach that limit, be sure to look for other scholarships to replace the award.

You may be able to appeal if you lost your scholarship because you didn’t meet continuing eligibility requirements. For scholarships awarded by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, visit mtsu.edu/financial-aid/appeals.php for information about appeal options. For scholarships awarded by other MTSU departments, contact the awarding department to ask whether an appeal process is offered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS)
Visit tn.gov/CollegePays for more information about Lottery Scholarships and other state scholarship and grant programs.

Initial Eligibility
Tennessee residents with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT (without writing test scores) OR a 3.0 GPA* at an eligible high school may qualify for a lottery scholarship. A lottery recipient will receive a base Hope award of $1,750–$2,250 per semester for full-time enrollment, depending on grade level. An additional $500–$750 per semester may be awarded through a high-need or high-academic supplement. Students who are enrolled part time and otherwise eligible will receive a prorated award amount. Graduates of a home-school program or ineligible Tennessee high school (such as a nonaccredited private school) may qualify with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT and should contact MT One Stop to request an eligibility review. Nontraditional students and GED graduates may contact MT One Stop to determine their eligibility. For all lottery types, the student must submit a FAFSA as the scholarship application.

*Please note: The lottery GPA is calculated based on the state’s Uniform Grading Policy and may differ from the high school’s weighted or unweighted GPA. Most students will have a lottery GPA lower than the GPA listed on the high school transcript. We recommend that students check with their high school guidance office for information about the lottery GPA formula.

Meeting Lottery Scholarship Requirements
How can you keep your Lottery Scholarship? Aim for a 3.0 TELS GPA and maintain it! We’ll check your GPA after 24 attempted hours, then again every 24 hours after that (48, 72, 96, etc.). Remember that the lottery GPA formula is different than MTSU’s GPA formula, and your lottery GPA may be lower than your MTSU GPA.

Enroll in at least one class every fall and spring semester; don’t skip any semesters except summer (but you must enroll in at least 6 hours to receive a scholarship for summer). Be careful about dropping classes. Don’t drop a class if it will cause you to fall below 12 hours for the semester. If you started the semester as part-time (6 to 11 hours), don’t drop a class if it will cause you to fall below 6 hours for that semester.

If you otherwise maintain eligibility for the lottery scholarship(s), you can receive the scholarship(s) until the earliest of:
1) Earning your first bachelor’s degree; 2) five years have passed after starting college; or 3) the latter of having attempted 120 credit hours or receiving the lottery scholarship(s) for the equivalent of eight semesters of full-time enrollment. Be careful to take only the classes you need and plan your class schedule carefully as you approach the limit.

Check your TELS GPA and attempted hours (on the Financial Aid tab in PipelineMT) frequently to know how you’re doing.

If you lose your Lottery Scholarship, can you get it back? You may be able to appeal if you lost your Lottery Scholarship because you didn’t meet the enrollment requirements due to extenuating circumstances. You may be able to regain eligibility later by raising your GPA at a future 24-hour benchmark if you lost your scholarship because you didn’t meet the GPA requirements. You can use your one-time-only Repeat Option to help you reach the GPA requirement.
Search for MTSU Competitive and Foundation Scholarships
• Go to mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.
• Click on Opportunities.
• You can view the scholarship opportunities listed (in alphabetical order), or you can search for scholarship opportunities by using a keyword (i.e. Business, Rutherford County).
• For more information on a scholarship opportunity, click on the scholarship opportunity’s name. The scholarship opportunity’s name will be in blue font and underlined.
• Each scholarship opportunity will include the criteria, award amount, and deadline for applying.

Apply for Scholarships
• To complete the scholarship application, log into mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities using your PipelineMT username and password. You will need to be at least tentatively admitted in order to complete the scholarship application.
• You will then be directed to complete your Profile Information. Be sure to answer all of the required questions. This Profile Information is the scholarship application, which will help us identify scholarships that you may be eligible for.
• Click on Finish and Submit to submit your Profile Information.
• Need to take a break? Just click on Save and Keep Editing to save your work. Log out; then log back in when you are ready to continue. You will not be considered for scholarships if the Profile Information is not completed in its entirety.
• By completing the Profile Information section, you will automatically be matched to scholarships that you meet the basic criteria. This does not guarantee you will be awarded a scholarship. You will receive notification of any scholarship award(s) or no award(s) after the scholarship priority deadline.
• You can see what scholarship opportunities you were auto-matched to based on your Profile Information by checking the Applications page, then looking under Active Applications.
• At any time, you can log back into mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities and check the status of your application.
• Complete your FAFSA for the upcoming academic year. The majority of the scholarships contain criteria which are based on financial need determined by the FAFSA. You will not be considered for need-based scholarships if no FAFSA is on file for the upcoming academic year.

Online Scholarship Application
Must be submitted by Feb. 15
MTSU’s Online Scholarship Application is used to select recipients for most Competitive and Foundation Scholarships awarded through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. To submit an online scholarship application, follow the instructions in the Apply for Scholarships section listed on the site.

MTSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
mtsu.edu/financial-aid
Fax: 615-494-7770
Mailing Address: SSAC 260
1301 E. Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
For assistance, contact MT One Stop in the Student Services and Admissions Center, Room 210. 615-898-2111
MTOneStop@mtsu.edu