

MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship Questions & Answers

Q1 What is the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship?

A1 As part of the Student Success Advantage, this scholarship was established effective Fall Semester 2015 for first-time full-time freshmen who are eligible to receive the TN Lottery Hope Scholarship. The MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship will offset the state's reduction of the HOPE Scholarship from \$4,000 a year (\$2,000 fall/spring) to \$3,500 a year (\$1,750 fall/spring) for incoming freshmen enrolling at MTSU on/after Fall Semester 2015. The MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship is separate from the TN Education Lottery Scholarship Program.

Q2 How much is the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship?

A2 For each continuous full-time **fall and spring** semester (maximum of four semesters) in which your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship maximum award is \$1,750, you may later receive a MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship of \$250.00 per semester, not to exceed \$1,000 total. Once you are classified as a junior, you are no longer eligible to earn the \$250 MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship.

Example 1:

You are an entering first-time freshman with no college level credits earned from high school. You accrue \$250 each fall and spring semester you are enrolled full-time (≥ 12 credit hours), receiving TN Lottery Hope Scholarship, and have not reached junior classification. You do not accrue \$250 if enrolled during the Summer term but enrollment hours do count towards your classification.

The chart below shows how you accrue \$250 each full-time semester enrolled, depending on when you begin as a first-time freshman.

1 st Semester Enrolled	2 nd Semester Enrolled	3 rd Semester Enrolled	4 th Semester Enrolled	Total Accrued
Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	\$1,000
Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	\$1,000

Example 2:

You are an entering first-time freshman with advanced placement, dual enrollment credit, CLEP testing, etc. You are considered a junior classification at the end of the third semester. You accrue \$250 each fall and spring semester you are enrolled full-time (≥ 12 credit hours), receiving TN Lottery Hope Scholarship, and have not reached junior classification. You do not accrue \$250 if enrolled during the Summer term but hours do count towards your classification.

The chart below shows how you accrue \$250 each full-time semester enrolled, depending on when you begin as a first-time freshman and when your classification changes to junior.

1 st Semester Enrolled	2 nd Semester Enrolled	3 rd Semester Enrolled	4 th Semester Enrolled	Total Accrued
Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring Junior – n/a	\$750
Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall Junior – n/a	\$750

Example 3:

You are an entering first-time freshman with 60 or more advanced placement, dual enrollment, CLEP testing credit hours and classified as a junior. Your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship will be \$2,250 beginning with your first semester at MTSU. Because your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship was never reduced, you will not be considered for the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship.

Q3 When will I receive the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship?

A3 Depending upon the amount accrued, the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship is paid in two payments (up to \$500 per payment). You will receive a payment for the amount accrued at the beginning of your third and fifth semesters, if eligibility has been maintained.



During the Summer term, you do not accrue \$250 if enrolled full-time nor do you receive payment of the MTSU Hope Supplemental. But, enrollment hours do count towards your classification.

Example 1:

You are an entering first-time full-time freshman on/after the Fall Semester of 2015 and your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship maximum award is \$1,750 during your first two semesters at MTSU. You will have accrued \$500 towards the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship. You will receive payment of \$500 at the beginning of your third semester if you have successfully met all eligibility requirements to retain your TN Lottery HOPE Scholarship and continue as a full-time student at MTSU.

If you continue as a full-time student and your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship maximum award is \$1,750 during your third and fourth semesters at MTSU, you will have accrued an additional \$500 towards the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship. You will receive a second payment of \$500 at the beginning of your fifth semester if you have successfully met all eligibility requirements to retain your TN Lottery HOPE Scholarship and continue as a full-time student at MTSU.

1 st Semester Enrolled	2 nd Semester Enrolled	3 rd Semester Enrolled	4 th Semester Enrolled	5 th Semester Enrolled
Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall
		Paid \$500		Paid \$500
Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring

Example 2:

You are an entering first-time full-time freshman on/after the Fall Semester of 2015 and your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship maximum award is \$1,750 during your first two semesters at MTSU. You will have accrued \$500 towards the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship. You will receive payment of \$500 at the beginning of your third semester if you have successfully met all eligibility requirements to retain your TN Lottery HOPE Scholarship and continue as a full-time student at MTSU.

If you continue as a full-time student and your TN Lottery Hope Scholarship maximum award is \$1,750 during your third semester but become a junior at the end of the third semester, you will have accrued an additional \$250 towards the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship. You will receive a second payment of \$250 at the beginning of your fifth semester if you have successfully met all eligibility requirements to retain your TN Lottery HOPE Scholarship and continue as a full-time student at MTSU.

1 st Semester Enrolled	2 nd Semester Enrolled	3 rd Semester Enrolled	4 th Semester Enrolled	5 th Semester Enrolled
Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring Junior – n/a	Fall
		Paid \$500		Paid \$250
Spring \$250 accrued	Fall \$250 accrued	Spring \$250 accrued	Fall Junior – n/a	Spring



If you are not enrolled full-time at MTSU through the census date during your third or fifth semesters, you will not be eligible to receive payment of the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship.

The MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship will be reduced if your total financial aid is more than your financial aid budget as determined by the Financial Aid Office. If possible, student loans will be reduced / canceled to allow for the awarding of the Hope Supplemental Scholarship.

Q4 How do I maintain eligibility for the MTSU Hope Supplemental Scholarship?

A4 You must be continuously enrolled full-time at MTSU each fall / spring semester, meet all requirements outlined in Q2 and maintain continuous eligibility for the TN Hope Scholarship. Visit the [TSAC Website](#) and for more information regarding Tennessee Lottery HOPE renewal criteria.

Q5 What if I have additional questions?

A5 Please contact the [MT One Stop!](#)