TRUE BENEFITS
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 December 1, 2023, 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)
• Proof of status as 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!

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. 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 1360) 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 Freshman 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. Please refer to the Freshman DREAM Scholarship section on the First-Time Incoming Freshman webpage at mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/ for the current criteria used in the determination of diversity for scholarships. 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.
• Have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 12,000 or less on 2024–25 FAFSA.
• Enroll full time for every fall and spring semester.
• Meet diversity requirements.
• Complete the online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarships website by the February 15, 2024, deadline.

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships
For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS

An incoming transfer student is someone 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 February 15, 2024:

* Admission application
* Application fee
* Official college transcript(s) through the fall semester
* Official high school transcript if applicable
* Proof of status as U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Guaranteed Academic Scholarships for Incoming Transfer Students
For students starting in summer or fall only

MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarships
$3,000 per year for two years

Requirements:
* 3.0 cumulative college GPA
* 60 earned hours prior to starting enrollment at MTSU
* Application for admission and all scholarship requirements listed above MUST be completed by the Feb. 15 deadline

No separate scholarship application is required for the Transfer Promise Scholarship. Students will receive notification of scholarship offer ONCE they have met all of the requirements, including GPA and earned hours, IF they submitted all of the necessary paperwork by the Feb. 15 deadline.
Competitive Scholarships for Incoming Transfer Students
For students starting in summer or fall only

Honors Buchanan Transfer Fellowship
The highest award given to a transfer student, this fellowship is awarded by the University Honors College. Buchanan 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, both the online General Scholarship Application and the Supplemental Question Scholarship Application must be submitted via the MTSU Scholarship website by March 1, 2024 (see page 10 for more info).

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Recipients cannot receive a MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarship or an Honors Buchanan 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.

Transferring a Lottery Scholarship
Students currently receiving a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) 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).

• If you did not list MTSU as the first school when you initially filed your FAFSA, you need to change your school of record with the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. (TSAC). Log in to the TSAC Student Portal and complete the Institution Transfer Request.

• 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.

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 February 15, 2024, 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. Please refer to the MT Diversity Scholarship section on the Scholarships for Currently Enrolled Students webpage at www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/ for the current criteria used in the determination of diversity for scholarships.
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 2024-2025 scholarship application deadlines are on or before February 15, 2024.

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. Visit fafsa.gov.

As a result of the 2020 FAFSA Simplification Act changes that go into effect for the 2024–25 academic year, the 2024–25 FAFSA will not be available to complete until sometime in December 2023. File the FAFSA as soon as possible to be considered for limited need-based funding. For more information regarding FAFSA availability, please visit www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS)**
Visit collegefortn.org 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 $2,250–$2,850 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), nontraditional students, and GED graduates may also be eligible. Please contact the MT One Stop for assistance in determining 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 attempted 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. However, in order to receive lottery funds for any semester, student must be enrolled in at least 6 hours of Coursework toward Program of Study (COpS). 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) 5 years have passed after starting college, or 2) earning an advanced degree (i.e., master’s).

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.
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. 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 in courses that are applicable toward your major program. 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](http://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.

MTSU Scholarships: The Fine Print

- To receive scholarship offer, a student must be starting at MTSU in either the summer or fall semester. **Spring semester start scholarships are not offered.**

- In most cases, a student is required to accept scholarship offer by deadline.

- Most scholarships require full-time (12+ hours) enrollment in CPoS (Coursework toward Program of Study) eligible coursework to receive funds.

- Recipients must meet GPA and enrollment requirements after every fall and spring semester to maintain continuing eligibility.

- A student’s financial aid, including scholarships and grants, may be reduced based on specific financial aid sources that are restricted to Cost of Attendance (COA) limitations. In most cases, if a student is receiving federal and/or state aid, their total financial aid can NOT exceed COA.

- In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student, such as Guaranteed Freshman/Transfer Scholarships, Honors Scholarships, PTK Scholarship, and Freshman DREAM Scholarship, only one scholarship can be accepted. The student will be offered the higher dollar scholarship. A student can receive an MTSU scholarship in addition to the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.

- 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.
MTSU’s online scholarship application allows students to search and apply for Competitive and Foundation Scholarship opportunities. This does not contain all of the scholarships offered by MTSU. Please contact your academic department (based on your major) for scholarships that may be offered by your academic department. Visit the scholarship application at mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.

**Search for MTSU Competitive and Foundation Scholarships**
- Go to mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.
- Click on Scholarship Search.
- 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).
- Each scholarship opportunity will include the criteria, award amount, and deadline for applying.
Apply for Scholarships
• The scholarship application opens October 1, 2023. To complete, 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 the Task page to complete the General Scholarship Application. After, you will be shown other scholarship application(s) available for you to complete.
• 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 Applications
The 2024–25 scholarship application(s) must be submitted by February 15, 2024. 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.

MTSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
mtsu.edu/financial-aid

Mailing Address:
Student Services and Admissions Center, Room 260
1301 E. Main St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

For assistance, contact MT One Stop in the Student Services and Admissions Center, Room 210.
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College of Behavioral and Health Sciences
Jennings A. Jones College of Business
College of Education
College of Liberal Arts
College of Media and Entertainment
University College

Online  Hybrid

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Advertising (and Public Relations)
Aerospace
African Studies
Agribusiness
Animal Science
Animation
Anthropology
Apparel Design
Applied Leadership
Art
Art Education
Art History
Astronomy
Audio Production
Biochemistry
Biology
Business Administration
Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Chemistry
Commerce
Community and Public Health
Computer Science
Concrete Industry Management
Construction Management
Criminal Justice
Culture and Social Influence (Communication)
Dance
Data Science
Dietetics (Nutrition and Food Science)
Digital Marketing
Early Childhood Education
Economics
Elementary Education, K–5
Engineering Technology
English
Environmental Science
Event Planning (Tourism and Hospitality Management)
Exercise Science
Fashion Merchandising
Fermentation Science
FILMMAKING
Finance
Forensic Science
French and Francophone Studies
Geosciences
German
Global Studies and Human Geography
Graphic Design (Art)
Health Administration
Health Communication
History
Horse Science
Human Development and Family Science
Human Resource Management
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Information Systems
Information Technology
Integrated Studies
Interactive Media
Interior Design
International Organizational Leadership
International Relations
Japanese
Journalism
Leisure and Sport Management
Management and Leadership
Marketing
Mathematics
Mechatronics Engineering
Media Management
Media Studies
Middle Level Education, 6–8
Motion Design
Music Industry
Music, Instrumental Music Education
Music, Instrumental Performance
Music, Theory-Composition
Music, Vocal/General Music Education
Music, Voice Performance
Nursing
Nutrition and Food Science
Organizational Communication
Organizational Leadership
Philosophy
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Plant and Soil Science
Political Science
Pre-Chiropractic (Allied Health Science)
Pre-Cytotechnology (Allied Health Science)
Pre-Diagnostic Med. Sonography (Allied Health Tech.)
Pre-Law
Pre-Medical Technology (Allied Health Science)
Pre-Nuclear Medicine Technology (Allied Health Tech.)
Pre-Pharmacy (Allied Health Science)
Pre-Radiation Therapy Technology (Allied Health Tech.)
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Professional Pilot (Aerospace)
Professional Selling
Professional Studies
Psychology
Public Policy and Management
Public Relations (and Advertising)
Public Safety (Integrated Studies)
Public Writing and Rhetoric
Real Estate
Recording Industry, Commercial Songwriting
Recording Industry, Music Business
Religious Studies
Risk Management and Insurance
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Special Education
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Sport Pedagogy (Physical Education)
Sports Media
Supply Chain Management
Tourism and Hospitality Management
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations (Aerospace)
Video and Film Production
Visual Communication

NOTE: Students interested in pre-dental, pre-medical pre-occupational therapy, and pre-physical therapy should choose a major while completing coursework needed to be accepted to professional school for these programs.