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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE 2026–27



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

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, 2025**, to be considered for a guaranteed scholarship:

- Application for admission as a new incoming freshman
- Admission application fee paid
- Qualifying official ACT and/or SAT test score
(Students must have a qualifying official ACT (at least 22 composite) and/or SAT (at least 1100 total) test score on file by December 1 AND be admitted to MTSU to be reconsidered for a scholarship award or scholarship upgrade due to a higher December test score.)
- 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 from the MTSU Undergraduate Admissions Office by March. 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.

Scholarship	ACT	GPA	Per Year
Centennial Scholarship	34–36	3.5	\$8,000
Trustee Scholarship	30–33	3.5	\$5,000
Presidential Scholarship	25–29	3.5	\$4,500
True Blue Scholarship	22–24	3.5	\$3,500

Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships



Competitive Incoming Freshman Scholarships For students starting in summer or fall only

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 honors.mtsu.edu/scholarships.

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships

For additional information on these scholarships, see page 6.



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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 March 1, 2026:

- 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 March 1 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 March 1 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 honors.mtsu.edu/transfer.

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, 2026 (see page 10 for more info).

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Recipients cannot receive an 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 May regarding the scholarship award offer decision.

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships

For additional information on these scholarships, see page 6.

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.
- 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



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

The following scholarships are available to current MTSU students. A current fall MTSU student is a student who was enrolled in the previous spring or summer semester. To be considered, a student must submit an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by the March 1, 2026, deadline.

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 provost.mtsu.edu/acad.

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. **Most 2026–27 scholarship application deadlines are on or before March 1, 2026.**

Prospective and current students can search through MTSU’s listing of Competitive and Foundation Scholarships at mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.

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 **March 1**.

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/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.

The FAFSA is usually available around October 1 each year to complete for the next academic year. File the FAFSA as soon after October 1 as possible to be considered for limited need-based funding.





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 (CPoS). 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.



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 CANNOT exceed COA.
- In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student, such as Guaranteed Freshman/Transfer Scholarships, Honors Scholarships, and PTK 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.



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 for information about appeal options. For scholarships awarded by other MTSU departments, contact the awarding department to ask whether an appeal process is offered.



ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 (e.g., 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, 2025. 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 2026-27 scholarship application(s) must be submitted by March 1, 2026.

MTSU's online scholarship application is used to select recipients for most Competitive and Foundation Scholarships awarded through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and other MTSU departments. 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.
MTOneStop@mtsu.edu



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- Accounting °
- Actuarial Science
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Aerospace
- Agribusiness
- Animal Science
- Animation
- Anthropology
- Apparel Design
- Applied Leadership °H
- Art
- Art Education
- Art History
- Artificial Intelligence
- Astronomy
- Audio Production
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business Administration °
- Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Chemistry
- Commerce °
- Commercial Songwriting
- Communication °
- Computer Science
- Concrete Industry Management
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice °
- Culture and Social Influence (Communication) °
- Cybersecurity Management °
- Dance
- Data Science
- Digital Marketing °H
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Elementary Education, K-5 °H
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security °
- Engineering Technology
- English °
- Environmental Science
- Esports and Gaming Content Creation
- Esports Coaching
- Event Planning
- Exercise Science
- Fashion Merchandising
- Fermentation Science
- Filmmaking
- Finance
- Forensic Science
- French and Francophone Studies
- Geosciences
- German
- Global Studies and Human Geography
- Graphic Design
- Health Administration °
- History °
- Horse Science
- Human Development and Family Science
- Human Resource Management °H
- Industrial-Organizational Psychology
- Information Systems °
- Information Technology °
- Integrated Studies °H
- Interactive Media
- Interior Architecture
- International Organizational Leadership °
- International Relations
- Japanese
- Journalism

- Leisure and Sport Management °
- Management and Leadership °H
- Marketing °H
- Mathematics
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Media Design
- Media Management
- Media Studies °
- Middle Level Education, 6-8 °H
- Motion Design
- Music Business °
- 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-Law °H

- Pre-Chiropractic (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Cytotechnology (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Diagnostic Med. Sonography (Allied Health Tech.)
- 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

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.

- Professional Pilot
- Professional Selling °H
- Psychology °
- Public Health
- Public Policy and Management °H
- Public Safety °
- Public Writing and Rhetoric
- Quantum Science and Computing (Physics)
- Real Estate
- Religious Studies
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Social Work
- Sociology °
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Sports Media
- Supply Chain Management
- Theatre
- Tourism and Hospitality Management
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Operations or Technology)
- Video and Film Production