

Senior Newsletter - November 2017

Free ACT Prep with Shmoop

Login Directions:

1. Go to schools.shmoop.com
2. Enter your Magic Word into the purple box on the homepage.

Magic Word: GOLDENLOCKS

3. On the registration page, enter the required information.

National Test Dates

Register at ACTstudent.org

Minimum Cost - \$42.50

Test Date December 9, Register by
November 3

Test Date February 10, Register by
January 12

Two more simple steps to earn the Tennessee Promise Scholarship!!!!

If you applied by November 1.

1 Complete - By the Spring:

- Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by January 16 ([filing information on the last page of this newsletter](#))
- Application for community or technical college
- One more mandatory mentoring meetings
- 8 hours of community service done and reported by July 1

2 Enroll - By Fall:

Enroll in a TN community college or technical college (TCAT) that accepts the Grant. (Some universities accept the grants under certain conditions. See your TN Promise Handbook for school list. Contact school for guidelines.)

For more information visit www.tnpromise.gov



Events

- **Discover WKU:** Interested in attending Western Kentucky University for your college degree? Attend Discover WKU tonight at Hendersonville Holiday Inn Express from 6:30-7:30 PM. Located at 615 E Main Street, Hendersonville. see wku.edu/discoverwku for more info.
- **UT Martin Preview Day:** **November 11 – Register at UTM.edu/preview**
- **Cumberland University Preview Day:** **November 11 Register at www.cumberland.edu/preview**
- **Mississippi State Fall Preview Day:** November 13 - Register at <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/fall-preview-day/>
- **End of Course tests:** November 28 - December 13 for students enrolled in English 9/10/11, Algebra ½, US History, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry. Teachers will let students know when they will be testing.

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College News

University of Alabama: Out-of-state student scholarships begin with a 3.5 GPA & 27 ACT. Application must be submitted by DEC 15 in order to be considered.

UT Knoxville: Regular Registration Deadline, December 1

UT Chattanooga: Regular Registration Deadline and Scholarship application deadline – December 1

Volunteer State Community College

New program this year – Mechatronics!!! Certificate, degree, and further advancement available. Visit their website at <http://www.volstate.edu/mathscience/mechatronics/>

For ALL college applications:

Most institutions have a portal or school email account that provides you with all necessary information. **Check it REGULARLY once you have applied!** Many types of information may be included through this means of communication – deadlines, decisions, fees, registration dates, etc. If an email is not provided, create one specifically for college admissions and scholarships.

DEADLINES and APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CAN BE FOUND ON EACH SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.

New scholarships posted at:

<http://beechhighschoolcounseling.com/scholarships>

Check the web page frequently for updates!!!

2 New features on our website's "Scholarship" page:

- **"Click Here for School Specific Scholarships:"** On this page you will find scholarships listed that are applicable only at the institution offering the scholarship. It is not possible to highlight all school specific scholarships, but we will include those scholarships that we receive information about in the school counseling office, especially from unique schools and programs.
- **Links to Scholarship Search Sites** – general scholarships search engines that can lead you to thousands more scholarship opportunities based on personal criteria such as college major/interests, race, personal attributes, etc.

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IMPORTANT! You must request your transcripts at: <https://sumner.tn.scriborder.com/>. This includes transcripts for all college applications, college athletics (NCAA, NAIA) and scholarships. Even though a school may offer a transcript service such as SendEdu, **you must use the Sumner Scrib Order service instead.**

Award Opportunity: Tennessee Scholars

Go to www.tnscholars.org to print application, community service log and academic checklist
A certificate and a medal that can be worn at the graduation ceremony will be awarded to each recipient. According to the website, other benefits are:

1. Up to \$1500 per year Union University scholarship
2. \$500 Bryan College scholarship
3. \$300 TN College of Applied Technology scholarship
4. East TN State Univ. – inquire at ETSU
5. Student should always ask the college/university to which they apply if extra dollars can be awarded to Tennessee Scholars.

Requirements for Tennessee Scholars

All state graduation requirements must be met. Special Notes:

Math: Bridge Math does NOT count as a 4th Math for TN Scholars, SAILS math does count.)

Science: Two of the three credits must be Biology and Chemistry.

Two credits from the following: CTE courses, AP courses, Dual Enrollment courses, or Fine Arts courses. These extra courses may not be used to fill other TN Scholars course requirements.

Additional Workforce Development Requirements

No Out of School Suspensions

95% attendance for 4 years (No more than 36 total days missed in 4 years)

Maintain a C or above average in all classes.

Perform 80 hours or more **volunteer service hours to help your community.** These hours must be done before school or after school and cannot be counted as a grade or for pay. Mission trips can be counted as 8 hours per day you work. Please make sure you keep a log of your hours. See https://www.tennesseescholars.org/?page_id=364 for volunteer information.

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Have you completed your FAFSA ?????

FAFSA Filing Deadline for TN Promise applicants is January 16, 2018

Below is a list of what you need and what you need to know in order to successfully file the 2018-2019 FAFSA at www.FAFSA.ed.gov:

- Student and parent/legal guardian FSA IDs
- Students and parents/legal guardians must apply for two separate FSA IDs (one student, one parent/legal guardian) at fsaid.ed.gov. This is how the student and parent/legal guardian will electronically sign the FAFSA and log onto the FAFSA to make any edits, if needed. It is important that this information is stored in a secure place for future reference.
- 2016 Federal Tax Return or other income documentation (or autofill using the IRS data retrieval tool on the FAFSA web site)
- Social Security number(s)
- Driver's license (if any)
- 2016 tax information for student and parent/legal guardian(s)
- Most parents/legal guardians/students will upload their 2016 tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool via FAFSA.
- 2016 untaxed income records, such as child support received and veterans non-education benefits
- Current information on checking and savings account balances; stock, bond, and other investments; and business and farm assets
- Your alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

- VERY HELPFUL HINTS
 - WRITE DOWN user names (FSA ID) and passwords for both student and parent as well as answers to your challenge questions. *The FSA ID's will remain the same while the student is enrolled in college.*
 - Volunteer State Community College Office of Financial Aid is very knowledgeable and willingly to assist all students, even if they are not already or planning to be Vol State students. Phone: (615) 230-3456