

# Senior Newsletter –December 2017

**IMPORTANT - COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19 AT**

**fafsa.ed.gov**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS!!!!**

**PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION ARRIVING IN OUR OFFICE REGULARLY. YOU CAN FIND IT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR ON OUR WEBSITE:**

<https://www.facebook.com/BeechH.S.SchoolCounselingInfo/>  
<http://beechhighschoolcounseling.com/scholarships>

## 2018 National Test Dates

Register at [ACTstudent.org](http://ACTstudent.org)

*Minimum Cost - \$42.50*

Test Date February 10, Register by  
January 12

Test Date April 14, Register by  
March 9

**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 meeting
- 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 grant under certain conditions. See your TN Promise Handbook for school list. Contact post-secondary school for guidelines.)

For more information visit [www.tnpromise.gov](http://www.tnpromise.gov)



## **Events**

- Dec. 18 Exam Review Day
- Dec. 19 Full Day exams during 1, SB, and 3
- Dec. 20 1/2 Day 2 and 4 Exams dismiss at 11:00 AM -
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 Winter Break
- **TN Promise FAFSA Deadline – January 16 at [FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov)**

## **CREDIT CHECK!!!!**

*Credit checks were completed by counselors early in the fall for all students. Please see your counselor ASAP if you have any final questions regarding graduation credits or college requirements.*

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## College News

**For ALL college applications:**

Most institutions have a portal or school email account that provides you with important 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.

Housing – Housing deadlines are approaching for many schools! Check your portal or college email account to stay current and get a better dorm assignment!

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

**IMPORTANT!** You must request your transcripts at: <https://sumnertn.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.**

New scholarships posted at:

<http://beechhighschoolcounseling.com/scholarships>

**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.

## 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](http://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.*
  - Make use of the FAFSA Help line at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).
  - The "Chat" feature on the web site may result in a quicker response time than a phone call to the help line.
  - Volunteer State Community College Office of Financial Aid is very knowledgeable and willingly to assist all students. You do not have to be a Vol State student to ask for help from them.

Phone: (615) 230-3456.

## Award Opportunity: Tennessee Scholars

**Deadline for application to be received in the counseling office is  
March 1, 2018.  
Online survey deadline is**

Go to [www.tnscholars.org](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.tennesseescholars.org/?page_id=364) for volunteer information.