

# 2010 FAFSA Workshop

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Basic application for all aid (Federal, State and Institutional)

Pell Grant (976-5,350) Tennessee State Grant (TSAA) (max. 4,000)

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships (max. 5,500) SEOG, Federal Work Study

Stafford Loans (Student loans) PLUS Loans (Parent loans)

**State Deadline – February 1 – student should file by February 1**

Preferred way to file - FAFSA on the web ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

Get pin number for electronic signature for student and parent ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))

For a paper FAFSA call 1-800-4-FED-AID or 1-800-433-3243 or print from the web

(Worksheet should be available by 12/15/09 at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

Dependent students must have parent information

Estimate income using w-2's if tax returns are not completed (use last year as last resort)

If appropriate ask the financial aid officer for

Dependency override – change a dependent to independent

Professional Judgment Change of Income – don't forget to document

## AC (Academic Competitiveness) Grants and SMART (National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent) Grants

General eligibility – Pell Grant recipient, U.S. Citizen, full time student, 3.0 GPA

ACG – first year (\$750) and second year (\$1,300) students

Must have “rigorous” high school program of study – 4 years English, 3 years

Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course), 3 years Science (2 from

Biology, Chemistry or Physics), 3 years social studies, 1 year foreign language.

Or

A program that contains a minimum of 2 Advanced Placement (AP) classes

scoring a 3 or higher or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes scoring a 4.

SMART – last 2 years (\$4,000/year) major in physical, life or computer sciences,

engineering, mathematics, technology or a critical foreign language.

For more information on AC Grant and SMART Grants go to <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov/>.

## TEACH Grants – program began July, 2008 (\$4,000 per year)

General eligibility – 3.25 GPA and >75% percentile on admissions test (27 ACT)

Must teach for 4 years in a Title 1 school. May become a loan to repay.

## Other Places to Look for Scholarships:

Schools and Universities you are interested in – web site or financial aid office

Employers – Churches – Civic clubs – Guidance Office – National/State Organizations

Web searches (use only free ones)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)

<http://scholarshipamerica.org>

[www.imagine-america.org](http://www.imagine-america.org)

<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/>

<http://www.nashvillescholarships.com/>

**TN Student Assistance Award (TSAA)**

\$2,000 for public schools for 2010-2011

\$4,000 for private schools for 2010-2011 (Ben Atchley Opportunity Grant)

Start to award on February 1 – usually out of funds on March 1

(Probably out of funds much sooner – maybe February 15)

Based on the school listed first on the FAFSA

Deadline to move to another school is Aug 1 (Must be in writing to TSAC)

**Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships****General Requirements**

Tennessee resident according to the Tenn. State Board of Regents

File the FAFSA (**Deadline September 1**)

Admitted to an eligible institution

Begin college within 16 months of high school graduation

Hope Scholarship (\$4,000 4 year school / \$2,000 2 year school)

Graduate of a Tenn. high school after Jan. 1, 2005

21 ACT / 980 SAT OR

3.0 GPA (unweighted cumulative)

Home school graduate

21 ACT / 980 SAT

GED recipient

525 GED and 21 ACT / 980 SAT

Need Based Supplemental Award – Aspire Award (\$1,500 / \$750)

Adjusted Gross Income not exceeding \$36,000

General Assembly Merit Scholarship - GAMS (\$1,000 / \$500)

High school graduate

29 ACT / 1280 SAT AND

3.75 GPA (weighted cumulative)

Home school graduate

29 ACT / 1280 SAT AND

4 college courses (12 credits)

Hope Access Grant (\$2,750 / \$1,750)

Adjusted Gross Income not exceeding \$36,000

Tenn. high school graduate

18 - 20 ACT / 860 SAT AND

2.75 GPA (unweighted cumulative)

Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant (\$2,000)

No academic requirements

To attend a Tennessee Technology Center

**Renewal Requirements**

Freshman year – 72 hours attempted - Maintain a 2.75 GPA (cumulative)

Subsequent years - Maintain a 3.0 semester GPA and 2.75-2.99 cumulative GPA – attempt 24 hours each year **OR** Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA