

Student Financial Assistance

The University of Tennessee at Martin offers financial assistance to students based on academic achievement and need. To determine student need, the university utilizes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which takes into consideration certain factors relating to family financial status. Students who have completed degree requirements must not accept any Pell Grant or Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG) funds.

Three basic types of financial aid are made available by the university: (1) scholarships/grants, (2) loans, and (3) part-time employment. Some funds for grants and loans are provided through programs sponsored by the federal and state governments. To receive federal and/or state financial assistance, students must achieve academic standards consistent with the university's academic continuation policy. If a student is academically suspended and does not attend the university the following semester (summer semester excluded), or does not bring the cumulative GPA up to 2.00 after attending another college, he/she must attend full-time for one semester without federal or state aid before he/she may be eligible for additional financial assistance from federal or state sources.

Application for financial assistance, except for Army ROTC Scholarships, should be made prior to March 1 preceding the academic year in which the student plans to enter, by completing an Application for Admission and a FAFSA. The FAFSA may be obtained from Tennessee high school counselors or by request from the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Students may also apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for UT Martin is 003531. To receive priority consideration for the coming year, the FAFSA should be processed by March 1.

To receive financial aid from the federal financial aid programs, a student must be enrolled as a regular student, must be working toward a degree or certificate, and not have attempted in excess of 150 percent of hours earned. Failure to begin attendance in one or more classes may cause a reduction in financial aid. Students who have completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree are no longer eligible to receive federal or state grants.

Scholarships

High scholastic achievement in most instances is the primary basis for awarding scholarships. However, factors such as need, character and leadership ability are also given consideration by the Committee on Scholarships. Scholarships are available in most major areas of study but some are restricted to certain localities, others to certain curricula. Scholarships vary in amounts ranging up to \$5,000. One-half of the amount is paid each semester at registration.

Honors Programs Scholarships

University Scholars – Minimum 28 ACT and 3.5 GPA for consideration; \$5,000 award per year; 15 students selected each year for participation (see the section on UT Martin's Honors Programs in this catalog); must apply by February 1.

Chancellor's Award – \$3,000 per year to students with minimum 28 ACT and 3.5 GPA; must apply by February 1.

Merit Awards

Deans Scholarship – Minimum 25 ACT and 3.5 GPA; \$1,500 scholarship per year if student maintains a 3.0 GPA; must apply by February 1.