

Tennessee Lottery Scholarship (TLS) Policies and Procedures



1. The stated award amount is based on full-time enrollment. The award amount will be prorated at the time of disbursement for less than full-time enrollment. Students must be enrolled in a minimum six credit hours to receive a TLS award.
2. Enrollment level (full-time, etc.) will be locked in on Friday the first week of classes (drop/add period) Full-time students who drop below full-time within the semester without requesting approval will automatically lose their scholarship!
3. All TLS awards are conditional. TSAC will determine final eligibility.
4. A FAFSA must be completed each year prior to September 1 for fall enrollment and February 1 for Spring and Summer enrollment to be considered for renewal of TLS.
5. Satisfactory Academic Standards of the financial aid office must be met, including the requirement that students must earn two-thirds of their attempted hours.
6. Students must maintain eligibility standards for continuation of the scholarship:
 - at 24 and 48 attempted credit hours, a minimum 2.75 TLS GPA
 - at each additional 24 attempted credit hours (72, 96, 120, etc):
 - i. a minimum 3.0 TLS GPA ("traditional") *or*
 - ii. a minimum 2.75 TLS GPA *and* a minimum 3.0 semester GPA ("provisional")
 - Students who retain through the traditional method will be reviewed at each 24-hour benchmark.
7. Students who retain through the provisional method will be reviewed on a semester-by-semester basis (whether a 24-hour benchmark has been reached or not). The TLS GPA may differ from the institutional GPA. All hours attempted are included in your TLS GPA. Your overall TLS status can be found in Banner Web under Award Information, Tennessee Lottery Scholarship Information.
8. **EFFECTIVE July 1, 2015: Students who first received TLS prior to fall 2009** may receive the scholarship until they either earn a baccalaureate degree or five (5) years have passed from the date of initial enrollment. **Students who first received TLS in fall 2009 and thereafter** may receive the scholarship until they either earn a baccalaureate degree, five (5) years have passed from the date of initial enrollment, or student has attempted 120 semester hours or has received the scholarship for (8) eight full-time equivalent semesters, whichever occurs later.

Terminating events for Non-Traditional Students are the same as described above except the (5) five year limit includes the sum of (5) years while actually **receiving** the scholarship as a traditional or non-traditional student.
9. Students must enroll in college within sixteen months after graduating from High School.
10. U.S. citizenship, Tennessee residency, and graduation from an eligible TN High School are all requirements for the TLS award.
11. Students must maintain continuous enrollment in college.
12. Withdrawing from school or dropping below full-time enrollment status requires approval by UTM officials. For specific details please log into Banner Self-Service and view *Award Information, Tennessee Lottery Scholarship Information*.
13. TLS recipients who pre-register for the next semester may use their TLS toward fees. However, TLS awards will be removed if eligibility is not maintained and student accounts will be adjusted accordingly.
14. Incomplete and other grade changes may make a student eligible or ineligible for the TLS and their award status will be adjusted accordingly for the semester in which the grade change occurred as well as subsequent semesters.
15. Students who lose their TLS due to extenuating circumstances may appeal for reinstatement. For specific details, please log into Banner Self-Service and view *Award Information, Tennessee Lottery Scholarship Information*.
16. The minimum GPA requirement may not be appealed. If the TLS GPA falls below the required GPA, students will lose the TLS.
17. Once lost, students have one opportunity to regain the scholarship, by doing one or both of the following:
 - Raise lottery GPA to at least the minimum required at the next benchmark.
 - Repeat one course for an improved grade to raise their lottery GPA.For specific details, please visit the previously mentioned link in Banner Self-Service and view *Award Information, Tennessee Lottery Scholarship Information*.
18. Any excess aid from a TLS award will be given to students after certification of eligibility is completed and funds are received from TSAC.

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STUDENT ID # _____