



Tennessee Promise offers two years of tuition-free education at a community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates beginning with the Class of 2015. Tennessee Promise is a last-dollar scholarship, meaning it will cover college costs not met from Pell, HOPE, or TSAA.

As part of the program, students will be paired with a partnering organization serving their home county and will be provided with a mentor who will support them during the college application process. The partnering organization serving students in Shelby County is tnachieves.

Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institutions offering an associate's degree program. While removing the financial burden is key, a critical component of Tennessee Promise is the individual guidance each participant will receive from a mentor who will assist the student as he or she navigates the college admissions process. In addition, Tennessee Promise participants must complete eight hours of community service per term enrolled, as well as maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA) at their institution.

High school seniors may apply at <http://tnpromise.gov> for the Tennessee Promise scholarship before November 1, 2014.