Guaranteed Incoming Freshman Academic Scholarships
For students starting in summer or fall only

Incoming freshmen who plan to enroll at MTSU must have ALL of the following on file in the Admissions Office by Dec. 1 to be considered for a scholarship:

• Application for admission as a new incoming freshman
• Admission application fee paid
• Qualifying official ACT and/or SAT test score
  Only ACT/SAT scores on file with MTSU as of the Dec. 1 deadline will be considered. MTSU will not consider writing test subscores or accept test superscores in regard to scholarship consideration.
• Qualifying official sixth-semester high school transcript with cumulative GPA requirement (transcript must reflect GPA through end of junior year)
• Proof of status as U.S. citizen or permanent resident

No scholarship application is required for guaranteed academic scholarships. Student will receive notification of the scholarship award offer by February. To take advantage of the scholarship offer, students must accept the scholarship by May 1!

Students can receive this scholarship for up to four years (or eight semesters) as long as the scholarship renewal eligibility requirements are met.

Competitive Incoming Freshman Scholarships
For students starting in summer or fall only

National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Achievement Scholarships
$6,000 per year for four years

Students must submit the letter from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation verifying semifinalist status, or from the College Board for National Hispanic Recognition Program based on PSAT scores, to MT One Stop. No separate scholarship application is required.

Buchanan Fellowship
This is the highest award given to an entering freshman in the University Honors College. A minimum ACT score of 30 (or SAT of 1360) and a minimum 3.5 GPA are required for consideration. Buchanan Fellows will receive (1) an amount equal to 16 hours of in- or out-of-state tuition and fees, (2) a $1,000 book allowance, and (3) consideration for study abroad scholarships. Up to 20 fellowships may be awarded per year. For more information and an application, please visit mtsu.edu/honors/scholarships.php.

MTSU Freshman DREAM Scholarship

Diverse Representation and Educational Access at MTSU

Middle Tennessee State University values the richness of learning opportunities brought through diversity in our student body and faculty. For the purpose of this scholarship, diversity is considered to include (but is not limited to) any of the following: veterans, nontraditional students, disability status, first-generation college students, gender identity/expression, personal hardships, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, or special gifts or talents. Recipients of the DREAM Scholarship may receive $2,000 per year for four years.

DREAM Scholarship eligibility requirements

• An incoming freshman joining the University in the summer or fall semester
• A Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or permanent resident
• A graduate of a Tennessee high school or Tennessee home school

In addition, you must:

• meet current academic and other eligibility requirements for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship as of the Feb. 15 scholarship application deadline
• have an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of 12,000 or less on FAFSA
• enroll full time for every fall and spring semester
• complete the online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarships website by Feb. 15
• meet diversity requirements

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships

For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.

In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student such as the Guaranteed Academic Scholarships, the National Scholarships, Buchanan Fellowship, and Freshman DREAM Scholarship, the student will be awarded the higher of the two. A student may receive a University scholarship in addition to a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS

An incoming transfer is a student who has not attended MTSU previously (except through a dual enrollment arrangement while in high school).

Academic Scholarships
Students who plan to transfer to MTSU for the summer or fall term and are interested in these transfer scholarships must have ALL of the following materials on file in the Admissions Office by Feb. 15:
• Application for admission and all scholarship requirements listed above MUST be completed by the Feb. 15 deadline
• When you see all of your transfer credits, inform your current school’s financial aid office so your Lottery Scholarship can be applied.
• Submit an official full transcript in PipelineMT, submit an official high school transcript if applicable.
• If you did not list MTSU as the first school when you initially filed your FAFSA, you need to change your school of record with the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. (TSAC). Log in to the TSAC Student Portal and complete the Institution Transfer Request.
• If you believe you may be eligible for a Lottery Scholarship, complete the following steps.
• Applications will be notified in April regarding the scholarship award offer decision.
• The Fine Print

Guaranteed Incoming Transfer Academic Scholarships
For students starting in summer or fall only
MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarships
$3,000 per year for two years
Requirements
• 3.0 cumulative college GPA
• 60 earned hours prior to starting enrollment at MTSU
• Application for admission and all scholarship requirements listed above MUST be completed by the Feb. 15 deadline
No separate scholarship application is required for the Transfer Promise Scholarship. Students will receive notification of scholarship offer once they have met all of the requirements, including GPA and earned hours, if they submitted all of the necessary paperwork by the Feb. 15 deadline.

Competitive Incoming Transfer Scholarships
For students starting in summer or fall only
Honors Transfer Fellowship
The highest award given to a transfer student, this fellowship is awarded by the University Honors College. Honors Transfer Fellows will receive $7,000 per year for two years; a limited number of recipients incurring out-of-state tuition may receive $14,000 per year. For more information and an application, please visit the Honors College website at mtsu.edu/honors/transfer.php.
Requirements: a minimum of 60 earned hours with at least a 3.5 college GPA

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship
The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship is available to transfer students who are members of PTK and who will be enrolling at MTSU for the first time in the summer or fall semester. Priority is given to transfer students who have been selected as members of the All-Tennessee Academic Team. Recipients will be awarded $4,000 per year for two years. For consideration, the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship application must be submitted via the online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website by March 1 (see page 10).
Requirements: a minimum of 60 earned hours with at least a 3.5 college GPA

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships
For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.

Transferring a Lottery Scholarship
Students currently receiving a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) and expecting to transfer to MTSU may be eligible to receive the award at MTSU; students transferring from an out-of-state institution may qualify if they were initially eligible at the time of high school graduation. Initial and continuing eligibility must be verified before the award can be applied.

If you believe you may be eligible for a Lottery Scholarship, complete the following steps.
• Inform your current school’s financial aid office so your Lottery Scholarship can be canceled (if applicable).
• If you did not list MTSU as the first school when you initially filed your FAFSA, you need to change your school of record with the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. (TSAC). Log in to the TSAC Student Portal and complete the Institution Transfer Request.
• Submit all required admission documents to the MTSU Admissions Office, including official high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores. You are required to verify initial eligibility even if you have already received the scholarship at another school.
• Submit an official full transcript (through your final semester at your previous school) to the MTSU Admissions Office.
• Also, see all of your transfer hours when you are in your senior year at MTSU.
• When you see all of your transfer hours showing on your MTSU transcript in PipelineMT, submit a TELS Transfer Form to request that your account be reviewed.

Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships
The following one-year scholarships are available for current MTSU students. A current MTSU student is a student who was enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the previous spring semester. To be considered, a student must submit an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by the Feb. 15 deadline and must meet GPA requirements as of the Feb. 15 deadline.

**MT Diversity Scholarship**

MT Diversity Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, diversity, and financial need. Awards are typically $500–$2,000 for one year. Award amounts will vary depending on academic achievement and level of financial need and will be prorated based on enrollment. Currently enrolled undergraduates must have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5, must file a FAFSA by Feb. 15, and must meet diversity requirements. Award amounts and criteria may vary depending on funding and the number of eligible applicants.

**Diversity.** MTSU has a rich blend of students from a variety of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds that bring with them a diverse array of life experiences. For the purpose of these scholarships, diversity is considered to include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Disability status
- First-generation college students
- Gender identity/expression
- Nontraditional students
- Personal hardships
- Race or ethnicity
- Sexual orientation
- Special gifts or talents
- Veteran status

**Departmental Scholarships**

Several MTSU departments offer scholarships to students participating in certain courses or activities. Students may or may not be required to major in a particular area to qualify for such scholarships. Students are encouraged to contact departments of interest to ask about scholarship opportunities. See a complete listing of MTSU departments at mtsu.edu/provost/acad.php.

**Foundation Scholarships**

MTSU academic and administrative departments offer approximately 700 endowed scholarships to hundreds of students each year. Application processes and deadlines vary; many scholarships require online applications or paper applications, while others are awarded based on academic achievement or other factors and do not require an application. **Most application deadlines are on or before Feb. 15.**

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office awards approximately 80 Foundation Scholarships. These awards require an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by Feb. 15.

**Private Scholarship Opportunities**

Millions of scholarships are offered by private companies, clubs, civic groups, and other organizations. For more information, please visit mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/private.

**FAFSA Information**

**MTSU’s School Code: 003510**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the federal application for grants, loans, and other programs available through the federal government. However, the FAFSA is also used in determining eligibility for most state aid programs and many MTSU scholarships. Visit fafsa.gov.

The FAFSA is available Oct. 1 each year for the upcoming academic year. File the FAFSA as soon after Oct. 1 as possible. To be considered for FSEOG funds (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) and/or federal work-study funds, MTSU’s FAFSA filing priority date is Feb. 1, 2021.
Meeting MTSU Scholarship Requirements

Any student receiving a renewable academic or endowed scholarship from MTSU must meet continuing eligibility requirements. Your scholarship award agreement will include information about online requirements to retain the scholarship.

How can you keep your MTSU scholarship?

An important factor is GPA. Most scholarships require a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; some may require a higher GPA. Aim for a 3.5 to give yourself plenty of cushion! If you drop below the GPA requirement, you may be able to regain eligibility by bringing your GPA back up.

A second factor is enrollment. Most scholarships require full-time enrollment. If you will not enroll in at least 12 hours or if you must withdraw for a semester, discuss your situation with the department that offered the scholarship before making any changes to your enrollment.

A final factor is time limit. Most scholarships are limited to four or eight semesters. Review your scholarship award agreement on your PipelineMT account to determine how long you can receive the scholarship. When you approach that limit, be sure to look for other scholarships to replace the award.

You may be able to appeal if you lost your scholarship because you didn’t meet continuing eligibility requirements. For scholarships awarded by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, visit mtsu.edu/financial-aid/appeals.php for information about appeal options. For scholarships awarded by other MTSU departments, contact the awarding department to ask whether an appeal process is offered.

Meeting Lottery Scholarship Requirements

How can you keep your Lottery Scholarship? Aim for a 3.0 TELS GPA and maintain it! We’ll check your GPA after 24 attempted hours, then again every 24 hours attempted after that (48, 72, 96, etc.). Remember that the lottery GPA formula is different than MTSU’s GPA formula, and your Lottery GPA may be lower than your MTSU GPA.

Enroll in at least one class every fall and spring semester; don’t skip any semesters except summer (but you must enroll in at least 6 hours to receive a scholarship for summer). Be careful about dropping classes. Don’t drop a class if it will cause you to fall below 12 hours for the semester. If you started the semester as part-time (6 to 11 hours), don’t drop a class if it will cause you to fall below 6 hours for that semester.

If you otherwise maintain eligibility for the Lottery scholarship(s), you can receive the scholarship(s) until the earliest of:
1) Earning your first bachelor’s degree, or 2) five years have passed after starting college.

Check your TELS GPA and attempted hours (on the Financial Aid tab in PipelineMT) frequently to know how you’re doing.

If you lose your Lottery Scholarship, can you get it back? You may be able to appeal if you lost your Lottery Scholarship because you didn’t meet the enrollment requirements due to extenuating circumstances. You may be able to regain eligibility later by raising your GPA at a future 24-hour benchmark if you lost your scholarship because you didn’t meet the GPA requirements. You can use your one-time-only Repeat Option to help you reach the GPA requirement.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS)
Visit tn.gov/collegepays for more information about Lottery Scholarships and other state scholarship and grant programs.

Initial Eligibility
Tennessee residents with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT (without writing test scores) OR a 3.0 GPA* at an eligible high school may qualify for a lottery scholarship. A lottery recipient will receive a base Hope award of $1,750–$2,250 per semester for full-time enrollment, depending on grade level. An additional $500–$750 per semester may be awarded through a high-need or high-academic supplement. Students who are enrolled part time and otherwise eligible will receive a prorated award amount.

Graduates of a home-school program or ineligible Tennessee high school (such as a nonaccredited private school) may qualify with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT. Nontraditional students and GED graduates may contact MT One Stop to determine their eligibility. For all lottery types, the student must submit a FAFSA as the scholarship application.

*Please note: The Lottery GPA is calculated based on the state’s Uniform Grading Policy and may differ from the high school’s weighted or unweighted GPA. Most students will have a Lottery GPA lower than the GPA listed on the high school transcript. We recommend that students check with their high school guidance office for information about the Lottery GPA formula.
Search for MTSU Competitive and Foundation Scholarships
• Go to mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.
• Click on Scholarship Search.
• You can view the scholarship opportunities listed (in alphabetical order), or you can search for scholarship opportunities by using a keyword (i.e. Business, Rutherford County).
• Each scholarship opportunity will include the criteria, award amount, and deadline for applying.

Apply for Scholarships
• To complete the scholarship application, log into mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities using your PipelineMT username and password. You will need to be at least tentatively admitted in order to complete the scholarship application.
• You will then be directed to the Task page to complete the General Scholarship Application.
• At any time, you can log back into mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities and check the status of your application.
• Complete your FAFSA for the upcoming academic year. The majority of the scholarships contain criteria which are based on financial need determined by the FAFSA. You will not be considered for need-based scholarships if no FAFSA is on file for the upcoming academic year.

Online Scholarship Application
Must be submitted by Feb. 15
MTSU’s online scholarship application is used to select recipients for most Competitive and Foundation Scholarships awarded through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. To submit an online scholarship application, follow the instructions in the Apply for Scholarships section.

MTSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
mtsu.edu/financial-aid
Fax: 615-494-7770
Mailing Address: SSAC 260
1301 E. Main St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
For assistance, contact MT One Stop in the Student Services and Admissions Center, Room 210.
615-898-2111
MTOneStop@mtsu.edu

MTSU’s online scholarship application allows students to search and apply for Competitive and Foundation Scholarship opportunities. This does not contain all of the scholarships offered by MTSU. Please contact your academic department (based on your major) for scholarships that may be offered by your academic department. Visit the scholarship application at mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.
Discover a passion for subjects you never knew you loved. See mtsu.edu/programs.

NOTE: Students interested in pre-dental, pre-occupational therapy, and pre-physical therapy should choose a major while completing coursework needed to be accepted to professional school for these programs.