Advising TELS Scholars

TELS: Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships
Who is eligible for the TELS Scholarship?

- Tennessee Residents
- Graduate from a Tennessee High School or obtained a GED after Jan 1, 2004
- Attending College the first fall term after graduation at
  - SAC’s accredited Tennessee Colleges, Universities
  - 2 year schools
- Homeschool students who have had 4 college classes.
- Initial qualifications must be met
How does a student qualify for the TELS Scholarship?

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<th>Award Requirements</th>
<th>Hope</th>
<th>General Assembly Merit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Amount</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>$5,000 (Hope +$1,000)</td>
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<td>ACT (SAT)</td>
<td>21 (980) or</td>
<td>29 (1280) and</td>
<td>19 (890) or</td>
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<td>High School GPA (Unweighted)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>HS core college courses GPA (Unweighted)</td>
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<td>Family AGI</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>$36,000 or less</td>
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How does a student keep the TELS Scholarship?

- Meet TELS GPA eligibility at each 24 hour attempted hour checkpoint.
- Freshman (24 hours) and sophomore year (48 hours):
  - Attain a 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- Subsequent Years (72 and 96 hours):
  - Attain a 3.00 Cumulative GPA
How does a student keep their TELS scholarship (part II)

- Complete and submit the FASFA each year.
- Maintain continuous enrollment
  - Two semesters out of three
    - Fall, Spring, Summer
- Needs based awards must qualify each year.
Can a student regain their TELS?

- Yes, but only once.
  - After that it is gone forever unless the student successfully appeals.
How long does the TELS Scholarship last?

- A student may receive the HOPE Scholarship until the FIRST of the following terminating events:
  - The student has earned a baccalaureate degree; or
  - Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student’s initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.
If a student receives other scholarships, can they still get the TELS Scholarship?

- YES!
- The TELS Scholarship can be awarded up the cost of education at your institution.
  - Room
  - Board
  - Books
How do students apply?

- Fill out the FASFA
How to advise TELS Scholars

- Remind them of their GPA responsibilities.
- Teach students how to calculate their own GPA’s.
- Before a student drops a course, he or she should contact financial aid.
  - If a student drops to part time, they could lose the TELS.
- Review their grades and consider class selection the second half of their sophomore year.
GPA repair

- Use W’s when necessary
  - A “D” or an “F” can wreck a GPA
- Recognize that GPA’s are reviewed every 24 credit hours
  - Summer semester classes won’t save a poor freshman GPA unless they are below 24 hours.
  - They will help a 2.75 get to a 3.00
“Their ways are not like our ways.”

- TELS GPA formula is not Milligan's.

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<td>Only Milligan grades are counted for our GPA.</td>
<td>Once students begin post-secondary education, all grades from any institution are used in calculation</td>
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Helpful website: