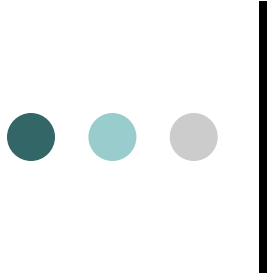


Advising TELS Scholars

TELS: Tennessee Education Lottery
Scholarships



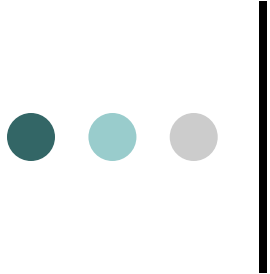
Who is eligible for the TELS Scholarship?

- 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?

Award Requirements	Hope	General Assembly Merit	Hope (Need)
Amount	\$4,000	\$5,000 (Hope +\$1,000)	\$5,500 (Hope +\$1,500)
ACT (SAT)	21 (980) or	29 (1280) and	19 (890) or
High School GPA (Unweighted)	3.00	3.75	3.00
HS core college courses GPA (Unweighted)	3.00	3.75	3.00
<u>Family AGI</u>	N/A	N/A	\$36,000 or less



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
- Subsequent Years (72 and 96 hours):
 - Attain a 3.00 Cumulative



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.

Milligan	TELS
Only Milligan grades are counted for our GPA.	Once students begin post-secondary education, all grades from any institution are used in calculation
Repeated classes: If a student repeats a class, only the most recent grade is included in the GPA	Repeated classes: All classes are included in the GPA



Helpful website:

- http://www.tn.gov/CollegePays/mon_college/lottery_scholars.htm