

Take these 3 steps to get free money for college and career planning guidance.

# *Attend College for Free in Tennessee*

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A book for new college students, their parents, and adults interested in returning to college.

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# Introduction

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The [College for TN](#) website provides Tennessee residents with the information they need to attend college for free and plan their careers. Upon accessing the site, you will notice the following categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, parent, adult learner, and educator. Each section is loaded with information to help students make informed college and career choices.

## [Elementary Schoolers](#)

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” is possibly the most asked question to young people. Yes, even in kindergarten, students need to determine what types of jobs and careers they are interested in. On the [College for TN](#) website, you can learn about Career Town. Career Town is an online interactive village of games for students to inspire their career path. It is designed for students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Below Career Town is Kids Search. Kids Search is a resource that provides students, parents, tutors, and educators with worksheet activities that supplement the online games.

## [Middle Schoolers](#)

If you are a parent of a middle school student or middle school guidance counselor, please encourage your middle schooler to register on the [College for TN](#) website. When a student reaches 6th grade or is at least 13 years of age, it is time to begin choosing a career path. This section of the website provides middle schoolers

with the information they need to get started with college and career planning. After your middle schooler logs in, she will have access to lessons and activities which will help her make informed college and career path decisions.

### [High Schoolers](#)

High school parents and counselors, this section is essential for students that want to plan which classes they need to take in high school. Download the [TN High School Graduation Plan.pdf](#) to assist your student in finding a career and choosing where they want to go to college. High schoolers, register on the [College for TN](#) website, to receive assistance with college options and career planning such as writing your resume, interview tips, and career outlook information.

### [Parents](#)

As stated on the [College for TN](#) website, “choosing a career and educational path are two of the most important decisions your child will ever make.” In this section of the website, you are provided help with career and college planning for your student. When your student creates their [College for TN](#) account, stay abreast of the resources they receive and help them navigate. Another great resource is the [Transition Tennessee](#) website. This website is for parents who have children with intellectual disabilities. It will provide you with the information you need to assist your child after high school.

### [Adult Learners](#)

Under the leadership of [Governor Bill Haslam](#), Tennessee is one of the first states to provide a free college education to adults that are returning to finish a degree, attending college for the first time, and veterans and service members. When you land on the Adult Learner section of the College for TN website, you will be redirected to the [TN Reconnect](#) website. To get started, you need to create a [student passport](#). After the passport is created, an advisor will contact you with the next steps to enroll at the [TN partnership college](#) of your choice. Don't forget to ask about the [TN Reconnect Grant](#). This grant is a last-dollar scholarship for adults to earn an associate degree or technical certificate, **tuition-free**.

### [Educators](#)

K-12 Educators, this section is for you. When you follow the three steps to create a [College for TN](#) account, you will receive information about [Path to College](#) and [TN Counseling Standards Crosswalk](#). Familiarize yourself with these resources to help your students decide on their career path and attend college.

# 3 Steps to get Free Money for College and Career Planning Guidance!

What are you waiting for? If you haven't already, it is time to [register](#) on the College for TN website. Here are the three easy steps to get free money for college and career planning guidance.

- Step 1 – Create an Account
- Step 2 – Enter your contact information
- Step 3 – Verify your account

If you have any problems creating an account email: [collegetn@tn.gov](mailto:collegetn@tn.gov).

One more thing, when you are ready to apply for college, remember these grants and loan forgiveness programs!

## [Money for College](#)

### Grants

- [Tennessee HOPE Scholarship](#)
- [Ned McWherter Scholars Program](#)
- [General Assembly Merit Scholarship](#)
- [Tennessee STEP UP Scholarship](#)
- [Aspire Award](#)
- [Tennessee HOPE Access Grant](#)
- [Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant](#)
- [Dual Enrollment Grant](#)
- [Tennessee HOPE Foster Child Tuition Grant](#)
- [Tennessee Student Assistance Award](#)
- [Tennessee Strong Act Award](#)

### Loan Forgiveness

- [Minority Teaching Fellows Program](#)
- [Tennessee Teaching Scholars Program](#)
- [Tennessee Math and Science Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program](#)
- [Graduate Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program](#)

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