


UT PROMISE

Moving You Closer to a Debt-Free Degree

What is UT Promise?

UT Promise is a new **undergraduate** scholarship program launching in fall 2020 that will guarantee **free tuition and mandatory fees** for qualifying Tennessee residents attending UT's campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and Memphis for up to 5 years.



UT Promise Vision

GOAL: Make higher education more accessible and affordable for Tennessee students

MISSION: The mission of UT Promise is to **close the persistence gap** for UT students who are at risk of leaving the University by providing last-dollar scholarships and mentoring guidance.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Be a tool in the state's Drive to 55
- Increase retention rates and degree completion
- Increase the number of UT students who graduate without debt

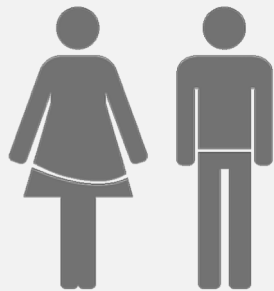


Key Components of UT

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**Last Dollar
Scholarship**



**Volunteer
Mentors**



**Community
Service**

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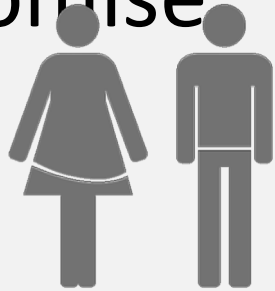
UT Promise funds are applied after other federal, state, and institutional aid and/or scholarships (such as Pell Grants, HOPE Scholarship, etc.).

Room and board, program of study fees, and book expenses, as well as other postsecondary expenses, are not included.

| | Example 1 | Example 2 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Tuition & Mandatory Fees | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Program Fee | \$0 | \$500 |
| HOPE | -\$3,500 | -\$2,000 |
| Pell | -\$4,000 | -\$1,500 |
| Institutional Scholarship | -\$1,500 | -\$0 |
| Balance | \$1,000 | \$5,500 |
| UT Promise | -\$1,000 | -\$5,000 |
| Total Cost to You | \$0 | \$500 |

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Volunteer Mentors

Who are the mentors?

- UT Faculty and Staff at the student's institution
- Considering using alumni mentors for juniors and seniors

What will mentors do?

Remind students of deadlines

Build relationships

Connect students to resources on and off campus

Encourage the student

Assist in the transition to the university

Check in with the student throughout the semester

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Community Service

Failure to complete community service
will make the student permanently
ineligible for UT Promise

- 8 hours of community service each semester. Submit by:
 - July 1 for fall
 - December 1 for spring
 - April 1 for summer
- Service hours do not carry over each semester
- Prior to enrollment, first-time freshmen will track through tnAchieves; during enrollment, all students will track through their campus' service tracking system

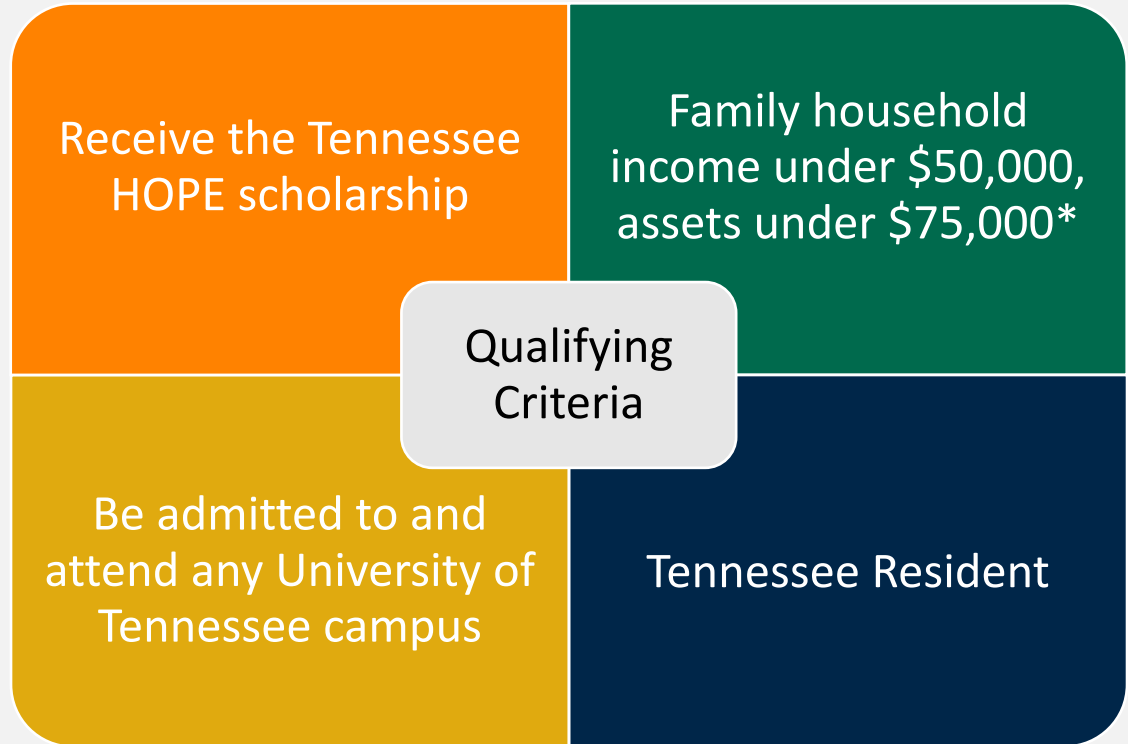
Who is Eligible?

- First-Time Freshmen
- Transfer Students
- Nontraditional Adult Students
- Current UT Students



First-Time Freshmen

Enroll at UT within 16 months of graduating from high school



***Family household income** is defined as “the accurate, verifiable total combined amount of parent and student adjusted gross income and untaxed income of less than \$50,000, AND a total maximum asset amount of less than \$75,000, as defined on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).”

Partnership with tnAchieves



Students will apply for the TN Promise by Nov. 1.
This will allow for communication about
deadlines, reminders, and college tips through
tnAchieves' weekly emails.

Students will be paired with a tnAchieves mentor
and track their service hours through the
tnAchieves website up until enrollment at UT.

UT Promise is a last-dollar, undergraduate scholarship that will guarantee free tuition and mandatory fees to qualifying Tennessee residents enrolling at UT campuses in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and Memphis.*

As a last-dollar scholarship, UT Promise will be applied after other financial aid is received. UT Promise is an expansion of scholarship offerings and does not replace existing scholarships. It is important to note that UT Promise functions separately from TN Promise and can only be used at universities falling under the University of Tennessee system. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

DEADLINES FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN

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| NOVEMBER 1 | Complete the TN Promise application. |
| DECEMBER 15 | Apply for admission to your UT institution of choice. |
| FEBRUARY 1 | File the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). |
| MARCH/APRIL | Attend mentor meeting hosted by tnAchieves. |
| MAY 1 | Submit all requested admissions documents to your UT institution of choice. |
| JULY 1 | Complete and submit 8 hours of community service. |
| JULY 1 | Complete financial aid verification, if selected. |
| JULY 1 | Ensure UT institution of choice is listed on your TSAC Portal and FAFSA. |
| FALL 2020 | Enroll as a full-time student at your UT institution of choice. |
| FALL 2020 | Paired with UT Promise Mentor. |

Additional requirements:

Free tuition and mandatory fees for in-state students meeting all of the following criteria:

- A family household income under \$50,000.**
- Qualify for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship.
- Be admitted to your UT institution of choice and enroll within 16 months of high school graduation.

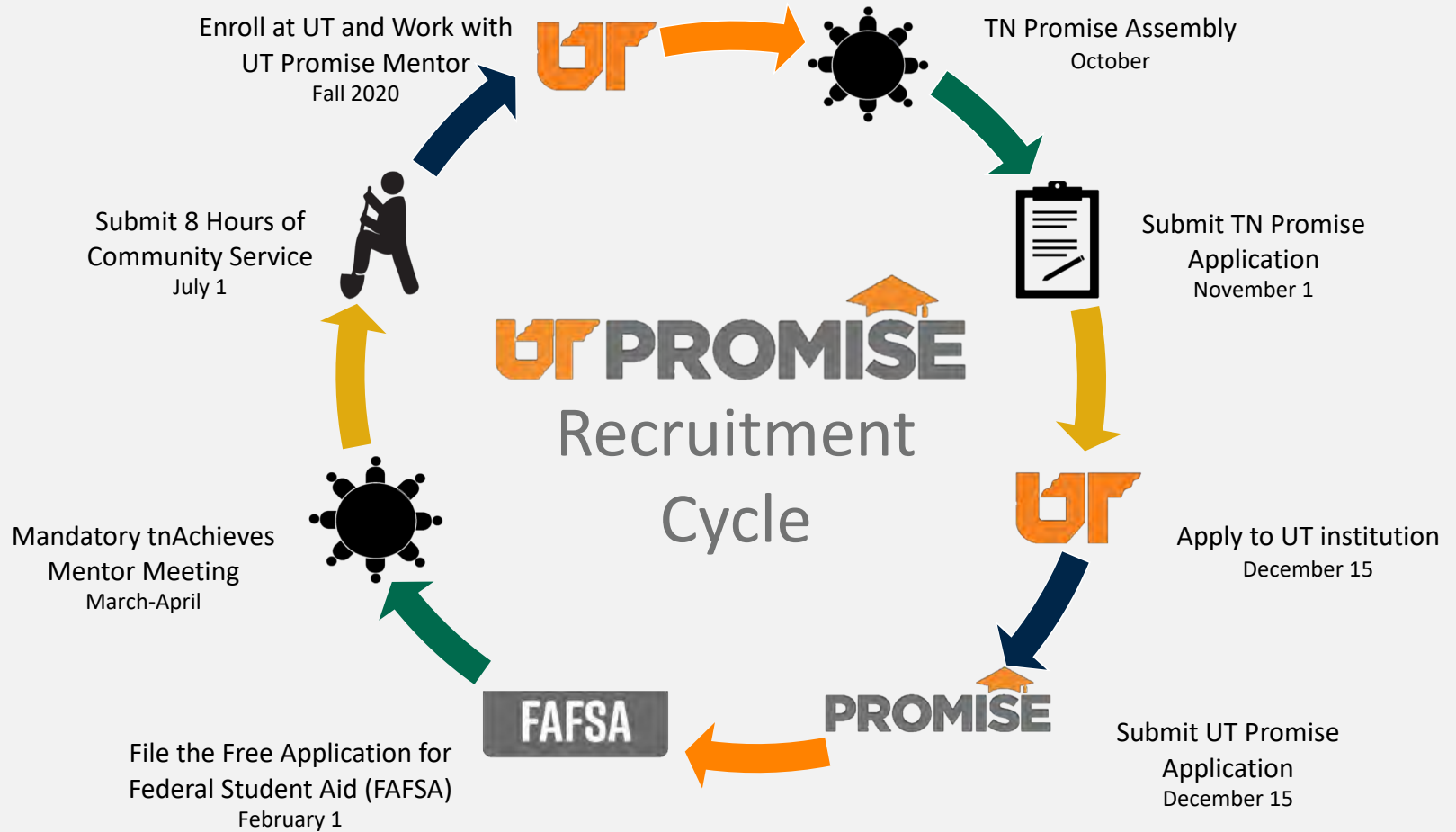
To maintain eligibility a student must:

- Be a full-time, continuously enrolled student.
- Maintain the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.
- Complete FAFSA annually, including any verification requirements.
- Complete service and mentoring requirements each semester.

*UT Promise can only be used towards undergraduate programs at the Health Science Center in Memphis.

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For questions specifically regarding UT Promise, please contact Ashton Braddock at utpromise@tennessee.edu.



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*A new scholarship guaranteeing free tuition
and mandatory fees*

Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

Family household income
under \$50,000/year*

Receive the Tennessee HOPE
scholarship and be admitted
as an undergraduate to
any UT campus

Complete 8 volunteer service
hours each semester and
participate in mentoring

APPLY FOR UT PROMISE BY **NOV. 1**

*Instructions on how to apply for UT Promise for fall 2020—and answers to
questions, such as who is eligible and what costs are covered—are available at:*

utpromise.tennessee.edu



MEMPHIS



MARTIN



CHATTANOOGA



KNOXVILLE

*Full definition of family household income available at: utpromise.tennessee.edu

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