



Breakfast with Counselors

Fall 2020



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UT Promise is an **undergraduate** scholarship program that launched in fall 2020 that guarantees **free tuition and mandatory fees** for qualifying Tennessee residents.



All 4 UT Campuses

Student Success Oriented Scholarship Program

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

UT PROMISE

Receive the Tennessee HOPE scholarship

Family household income under \$50,000, assets under \$75,000

Qualifying Criteria

Be admitted to and attend any University of Tennessee campus as an undergraduate

Tennessee Resident

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).



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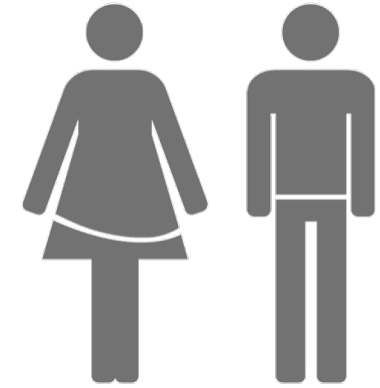
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**Last Dollar
Scholarship**



**Community
Service**



**Volunteer
Mentors**



Last Dollar Scholarship

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

External funding and departmental scholarships will not reduce last dollar amount and can be used for other expenses.

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



Last Dollar Scholarship

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3
Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Program of Study	\$600	\$0	\$0
HOPE	-\$3,500	-\$3,500	-\$3,500
Pell Grant	-\$6,000	-\$4,000	-\$2,000
Institutional Scholarship	-\$0	-\$1,500	-\$1,500
Total Cost after Financial Aid	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$4,000
UT Promise	-\$1,500	-\$2,000	-\$4,000
Student Pays*	\$600	\$0	\$0

Student Guidelines

Maintaining Eligibility

Once you begin college, you still have to meet requirements to maintain your UT Promise eligibility! See the list below for a few to keep in mind:



Complete and Submit 8 Hours of Community Service Before Each Deadline

Eight community service hours must be submitted by the established deadline prior to each semester. Community service hours do not roll over from the previous semester.



Complete Mentoring Requirements Before Each Deadline

Three meetings with your mentor must be completed by the established deadline prior to each semester. Mandatory meeting requirements do not roll over from the previous semester.



File the FAFSA by the Established Deadline Each Year

Submit your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov by the established deadline. The FAFSA opens Oct. 1 every year. If selected for financial aid verification, you must complete verification by your UT campus' priority date each year.



Enroll as a Full-Time Student Each Semester

You must maintain enrollment in at least 12 credit hours each semester. You must also maintain continuous enrollment. Remember, in order to maintain full-time enrollment, you must attend and participate in all courses. Failure to attend class could result in the loss of your UT Promise eligibility.



Maintain the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

You must maintain the minimum GPA requirement and make satisfactory academic progress to keep the HOPE scholarship. If you lose HOPE, you will also lose UT Promise. You can regain the HOPE scholarship once. Visit the TN HOPE website for more information on HOPE requirements.



Community Service

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hours of
community
service
each semester

Service hours do not carry over each semester

Prior to enrollment, incoming students will track their hours through [tnAchieves](#). Once they arrive at UT, they will track through their campus



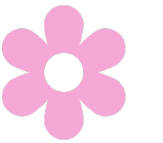
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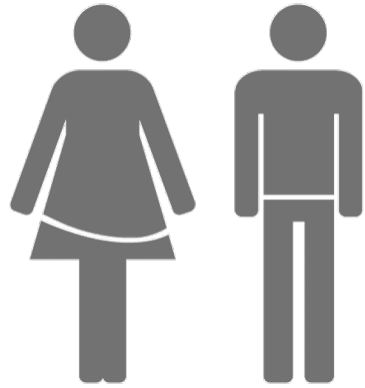
YES! That counts!	NO! That does NOT count!
Volunteering at an animal shelter	
Tutoring at a school or community center	Tutoring your friend or grade school neighbor
Participating in an environmental cleanup day	Picking up trash on a hike
Volunteering on a service-oriented trip	Volunteering for academic credit
Volunteering for race registration	Paying to run in a race
Serving meals at a homeless shelter	Raising money for the homeless shelter
Doing laundry for nursing home residents	
Helping setup and take down an event	Attending a philanthropy event



Community Service

Semester	Timeframe for Completion	Submission Deadline***
Summer 2021*	December 2, 2020 - April 1, 2021	April 1, 2021 by 11:59 PM
Fall 2021	December 2, 2020 - July 1, 2021	July 1, 2021 by 11:59 PM
Spring 2022	July 2, 2021 - December 1, 2021	December 1, 2021 by 11:59 PM
Summer 2022*	December 2, 2021 - April 1, 2022	April 1, 2022 by 11:59 PM
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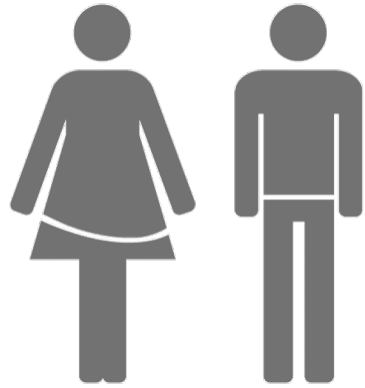


Volunteer Mentors

Prior to enrollment, students will be paired with a **tnAchieves** mentor.

Upon arrival at UT:

- UT Faculty and Staff at the student's institution for freshmen/sophomores
- Alumni and Friends of UT for juniors/seniors



Volunteer Mentors

Mentors will be paired with 2-5 students and are asked to invest a total of one hour per month.

Students will be paired with the same mentor for 2 years.

Mentorship

Role of the Mentor: Provide insight and guidance for the mentee based on personal experience in navigating the college environment and career and academic pursuits. Students should be receptive to guidance and support, and mentors should be invested in their students' success.

A mentor is a(n)...	A mentor is NOT a(n)...
Resource	Academic Advisor
Encourager	Counselor
Supporter	Tutor

The student is...	The student is NOT...
Willing to engage and ask questions	Disengaged
Responsive to the mentor	Unresponsive
Thankful and kind	Unkind

Who's My Mentee?

Pairs could be matched on:



Hobbies/
Passions



Social
Identity
Groups



Location



Industry




Major



UT PROMISE MENTOR PLATFORM

UT Promise's online mentor network driving powerful professional connections within the UT community

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YOU LOOK,





First-time Freshmen

Enrolling immediately following high school graduation



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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

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:

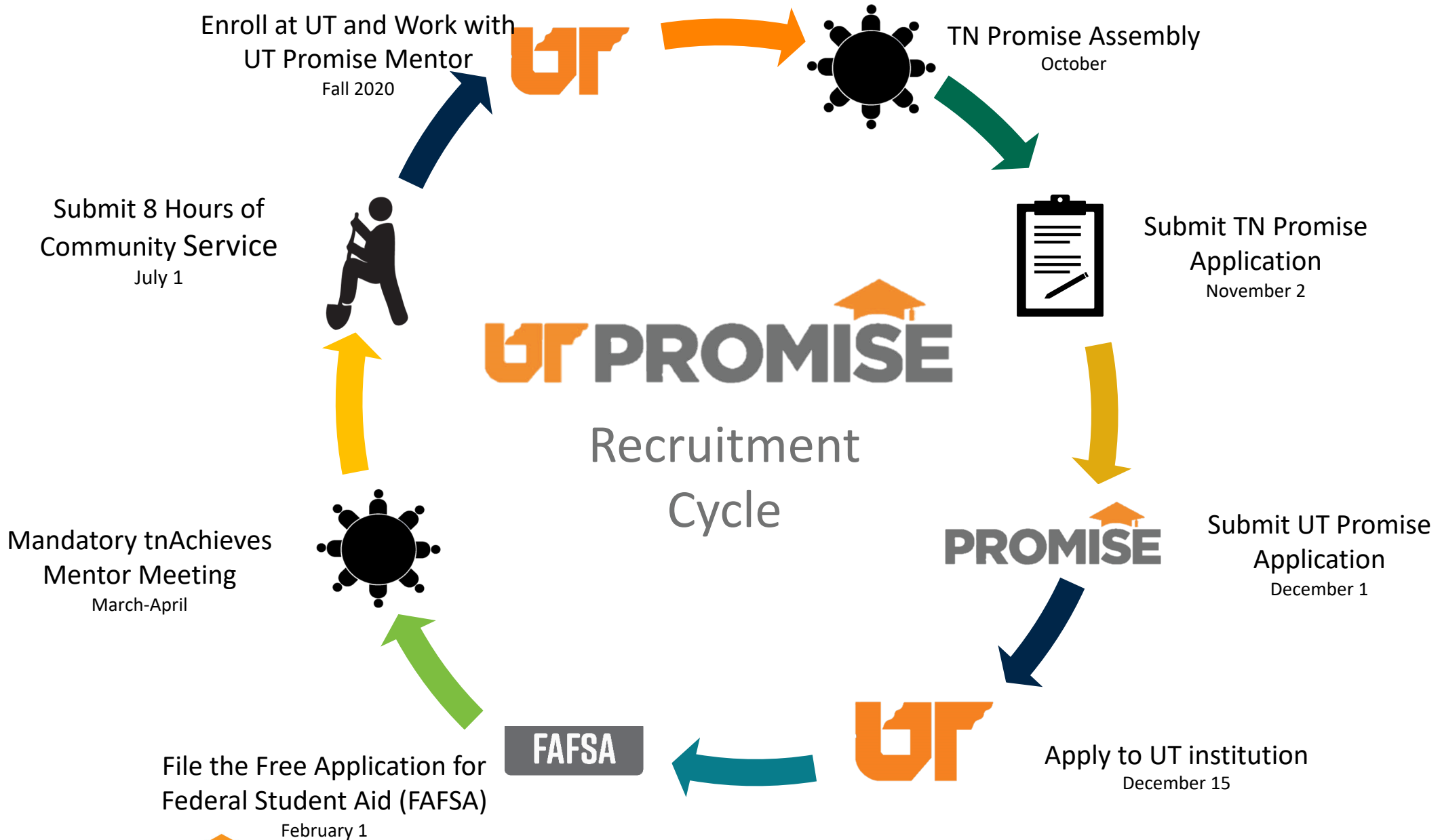
- Be a full-time, continuously enrolled student.
- Maintain the Tennessee HOPE scholarship.
- Complete FAFSA annually, including any verification requirements.
- Complete service and mentoring requirements each semester.

*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.







November 2- Tennessee
Promise Application



December 1- UT Promise
Application

December 15- Apply to UT
school



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Frequently Asked Questions



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Will UT Promise cover summer courses?

UT Promise scholarship funds can be applied to summer courses if a student is receiving HOPE scholarship funds. In order to receive HOPE funds, a student must be enrolled in at least 6 hours over the summer.



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Will the UT Promise Scholarship cover fully distance education programs (aka online programs)?

Yes. If a student is enrolled in a UT degree program in which all courses are online, the UT Promise scholarship will cover tuition and mandatory fees.



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If a student meets the deadlines for both UT Pledge and UT Promise, is HOPE eligible, has a family income of \$40,000, which will they be awarded?

The student would be awarded the Pledge scholarship.



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When will I hear if I received the scholarship?

Not until fall 2021. The sooner students complete their financial aid documents, the quicker we are able to award them.



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