UT Breakfast with Counselors

The University of Tennessee Knoxville
Highlights from 2020-21

• Welcomed the largest first-year and undergraduate class in history
• 3rd straight year UT leads SEC in producing Fulbright Scholars
• Army ROTC honored as a top program in the nation
• Two Residence Halls renamed for Black Trailblazers
• Launched Volunteer Impact Academy
• Flagship Scholarship program expanded to 8 more Tennessee high schools
• Over $202 million in donations results in a record-setting year
• Commencement in Neyland Stadium
What’s New

• Slate.org
• New In-state Scholarships
• The application process for Honors Programs and Competitive Scholarships
• Academic programs
• New staff and positions
• A full in-person campus experience for fall 2021
What you’ll now see in Slate.org
The items displayed below are based on the current data in your database and the Application Sharing settings selected. Once the data sharing service runs, school counselors will see the information as it appears below.

Applicant: Kirby Reynolds
Round: Freshman
Status: Decided
Decision: Confirmed
Decision Date: 02/27/2021

Application Checklist

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Applying to UTK

- **govols.utk.edu** (no more VIP account)
- Self-Reported Academic Record
  - Clarified instructions
  - Updated drop down menus
- Test Optional
  - No disadvantage
  - Homeschool students included
- International students (F visas) use same app as domestic students
- Taking courses online does not mean a student should identify as a homeschool student
- No Nursing or Pre-Pharmacy essay
Self-Reported Academic Record

- Applicants must complete the SRAR within two weeks of submitting their application
- Applicants must complete and submit their SRAR in order for their application to be reviewed
- Accuracy is very important
- Do not send official high school transcripts

admissions.utk.edu/srar
Test Optional Application

• Test-optional applicants are required to submit an additional essay. Please see the prompt below:
  • We believe Vol is a Verb and leadership is a willingness to act. Provide an example of how you’ve demonstrated leadership to make a positive impact in your community (family, work experience, school, community, service efforts, etc.). Describe the impact of your efforts and why it was meaningful to you.

• Students can elect to add test scores at a later date to be included in their application, but they cannot switch back to test-optional after including scores.
Dates & Deadlines

**FAFSA Deadlines**

OCTOBER 1
- FAFSA Application Opens [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

DECEMBER 1
- Early Action FAFSA Date
  - If students applied to UT by Nov. 1, complete the 2022-23 FAFSA by this date, they will receive an estimated financial aid package in mid-Dec.

FEBRUARY 1
- FAFSA Priority Date
  - Submit the FAFSA by this date, if not submitted by Dec. 1.

**Application Deadlines**

NOVEMBER 1
- Early Action Application
  - Required to be considered for competitive scholarships and honors & scholars programs.

DECEMBER 15
- Regular Application
  - Required for institutional scholarship eligibility.

MAY 2
- Confirmation Deadline
  - All New Vols must confirm their enrollment to UT by this date.
Decision Release Dates

**MID-DECEMBER**
Early Action applicant

**MID-FEBRUARY**
Regular Admission applicant
Competitive Scholarships

The student must...

- Submit the application for admission by November 1
- Submit all required application credentials by Nov. 15
  - SRAR
  - ACT or SAT scores (if applying with test scores)
- Only if you plan to study in the Herbert College of Agriculture will there be an additional essay prompt and questions for scholarship consideration

*Test optional applicants must possess a 3.8 minimum UT Core Weighted GPA*
Honors & Scholars Program

The student must...

• Submit the application for admission by November 1
• Submit all required application credentials by Nov. 15
  ✓ SRAR
  ✓ ACT or SAT scores (if applying with test scores)
• Qualified students will receive an email inviting them to apply to Honors & Scholars App in the Go Vols application portal
• Complete the Honors & Scholars App by December 1st
• Haslam Scholars requirements – 31/1420 + 4.0 core, weighted GPA
• Chancellor’s Honors, Leadership Honors, & 1794 Scholars requirements – 28/1310 + 3.8 core, weighted GPA
Volunteer Scholarship

Award amounts for students with a minimum 3.8 Core Weighted GPA are based on the following criteria:

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Amounts shown are proposed for the 2021-2022 academic year.
Beacon Scholarship

First-year applicants who apply by December 15th and choose not to submit ACT or SAT scores with their application for admission and possess a minimum 3.8 core, weighted GPA are automatically considered.

Awards are based upon a holistic review of the application for admission with a focus on academic achievement, extracurricular engagement, demonstrated leadership, and a commitment to their community.

An award is not guaranteed simply by possessing the minimum core, weighted GPA

Tennessee Residents Eligible to receive annual scholarships between $3,000-$9,000
New In-State Merit Scholarship

Award amounts for students with a minimum 3.6 Core Weighted GPA are based on the following criteria:

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<td>3.6–3.79 core, weighted GPA* + 28-36 ACT // 1300-1600 SAT</td>
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OR

3.6+ core, weighted GPA* + 24-27 ACT // 1160-1290 SAT

*UT weighted, core GPA, and composite super-score.

The new in-state merit scholarship cannot be combined with the Volunteer scholarship.
New In-State Need-Based Scholarship

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<td>Family household income of $50,000-$70,000</td>
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New Academic Programs

• Cinema Studies (now a stand-alone major)
• Geographic Information Science and Technology
• Language, Politics and Culture concentration in Global Studies
• Data Science (Interdisciplinary Program)
• Judaic Studies (Interdisciplinary Program)
• Music Business Administration concentration in Music (BA)
• Religion, Race and Ethnicity concentration in Religious Studies
• Elementary Education (ESL Education, Five-year Internship, Interventionist Special Education, Middle Grades Math, Middle Grades Science)
• Second Language Education (World Language Education and ESL)
• VolsTeach Secondary STEM (Middle Grades Math, Middle Grades Science)
Rocky Top Tailgate

IT’S FOOTBALL TIME IN TENNESSEE!

Join us for a Big Orange celebration on Rocky Top as the Volunteers take on Tennessee Tech on September 18. Experience a one-of-a-kind tailgate on campus where you can meet UT counselors and other future Vols, take a tour, and enjoy gameday food and activities. Then cheer on the Vols alongside more than 102,400 fans in Neyland Stadium.

Saturday, September 18 at 9:00am to 11:00am
Ayres Hall South Lawn
1403 Circle Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996
Fall Open House

Come to campus and create your very own Rocky Top experience!
Big Orange Preview is a great opportunity to find out more about what UT has to offer you. Attend special interest sessions, take a tour of campus, visit with academic colleges, and meet other future Vols. We can’t wait to see you here on Rocky Top!

Saturday, September 25
Saturday, October 30
Questions & Answers

• Are the new scholarships retro-active for current Vols? No
• Can School Counselors send transcripts to UTK? Yes, but it does not replace the required SRAR
• Where can School Counselors send official documents? undergradtranscripts@utk.edu
• For the Volunteer Scholarship and new in-state merit scholarship, what is the deadline for new scores and updated grades? July 1
• When are final high school transcripts and verified test scores due? July 1
• Is the new in-state merit scholarship available to test optional students? No, only the Beacon Scholarship
• Can Test Optional applicants be re-reviewed for the Beacon Scholarship? No, the award is based upon all application credentials at the time of initial review.
Q&A continued

• What is the deadline for a Test Optional applicant to change their mind and add test scores to their application? **July 1**
• Does UTK accept course credit from Bryan College (TN)? **Yes, please refer to https://transfer.utk.edu/equivalency/**
• Where do students go to create their SRAR? **https://srar.selfreportedtranscript.com/Login.aspx**
• Can a 9th, 10th and 11th grader create a SRAR prior to their senior year? **Yes, highly encouraged!**
• How long does an applicant have to complete their application, to be considered for competitive scholarships and Honors & Scholars programs, if they apply on November 1st? **Two weeks (Nov. 15th)**