

Educate & Grow Sumner County

ABOUT

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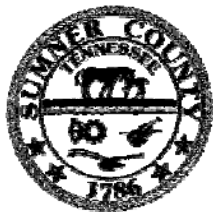
The **Educate & Grow Sumner County** scholarship program is an economic development initiative created to cultivate and maintain a qualified workforce for Sumner County. The scholarships fund four semesters of tuition & fees at Volunteer State Community College. *Educate & Grow* scholarships are applied after all other scholarships and grants, including the Hope Scholarship.

Any student who resides within Sumner County and meets the requirements of the Governor-endorsed Tennessee Scholars Initiative is eligible for the scholarships.

The *Educate & Grow* scholarship fund is made possible by resolution of the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners, passed on June 16, 2008.

For more information on Tennessee Scholars, visit www.tennesseescholars.org

For more information on Volunteer State Community College, visit www.volstate.edu.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

High School

Meet the requirements of Tennessee Scholars, which are:

- 4 English Courses
- 4 Mathematics Courses (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, & 1 higher level course)
- 3 Laboratory Science Courses (Biology I, and two other lab sciences)
- 3 Social Studies Courses
- 1 Health/Physical Education credit
- 1 Fine Arts Course
- 2 Foreign Language Courses (in the same language)
- 2 Career Technical Education Courses (one must be a computer applications course)
- 40 Hours of Community Service
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 95% Attendance
- No Out-of-School Suspensions
- Pass all Exit Exams

General

- Have a custodial parent or court-appointed legal guardian who is a United States resident and who has resided within Sumner County for no less than the student's final 2 years of high school (beginning on the 1st day of school of the applicant's eleventh grade year)
- Enroll in no less than 12 credit hours at Volunteer State Community College in the Fall Semester immediately following high school graduation
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Renewal

- Pass a minimum of 12 credit hours at Volunteer State Community College with a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Enroll in no less than 12 credit hours in the consecutive fall/spring semester
- Remain in good standing with Volunteer State Community College

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Submit the Sumner County Tennessee Scholars Application, completed and signed, with an official high school transcript to COMPASS, 695 East Main St., Gallatin, TN 37066.
- Apply for admission to Volunteer State Community College
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all necessary steps in the application process have been completed by deadline dates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See your guidance counselor or visit the COMPASS website:

www.sumnercompass.org



Sumner County Tennessee Scholars Application

This application must be completed to be eligible for the Educate & Grow Scholarship Program

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, WITH YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT, IS DUE BY MARCH 31, 2010

MAIL TO: COMPASS, 695 EAST MAIN STREET, GALLATIN, TN 37066

Name: _____

High School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Phone Number: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Have you resided at the above address since the first day of your 11th grade year (for students graduating in 2010: August 9, 2008)? *This will not affect your Tennessee Scholar status, only your eligibility for Educate & Grow Sumner County

Yes No If no, please list previous addresses since the above date (use additional paper, if needed)

Previous Address: _____
Street City State Zip Dates Resided (From Mon/Yr—To Mon/Yr)

Have you met all **Course Requirements** for Tennessee Scholars? Yes No
(including classes in which you are currently enrolled)

Course Requirements for Tennessee Scholars:

- 4 Math Courses (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, & 1 higher level course)
- 4 English Courses
- 2 Foreign Language Courses (same language)
- 3 Social Studies
- 1 Wellness
- 1 Fine Arts
- 3 Lab Sciences (Biology & two other lab sciences)
- 2 Career Technical Courses (1 in a computer applications area)

Do you currently have and intend to graduate with a Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or Higher? Yes No

Do you have an Overall High School Attendance of at least 95%? Yes No

Have you ever had an Out-Of-School Suspension while in High School? Yes No

Have you fulfilled at least 40 Hours of Community Service during High School? Yes No

Please attach a detailed account of those 40 hours of community service.

By signing, I attest that the information stated above is accurate. I certify that I have read and understand the guidelines, requirements, and application procedure of Tennessee Scholars. I authorize COMPASS to release Scholars information, photography, and any pertinent directory information to the Media and/or Sumner County.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

By signing below, I attest my intention to enroll in Volunteer State Community College (VSCC) by using funds from **Educate & Grow Sumner County**. I certify that I have read and understand the guidelines, eligibility requirements, renewal requirements, and application procedure for **Educate & Grow Sumner County** Scholarship Program. I understand that I must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually. I further understand that the tuition & fees scholarship is a "last dollar" scholarship to be applied after all other scholarships and grants. I authorize COMPASS and/or Sumner County Government and/or VSCC to release scholarship information, photography and any pertinent information to the Media and/or Sumner County.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

By signing, I verify that the information provided by the applicant is accurate.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of School Official: _____ Date: _____
(Administrator or Guidance Counselor)

