



## University Merit Scholarship Criteria Academic Year: Fall 2024-Spring 2025

### OVERVIEW

Tennessee State University is pleased to offer competitive academic merit scholarships for new students enrolling for the Fall 2024-2025 academic school year. To be considered for an academic scholarship, new first-time freshmen and transfer students who are starting their collegiate journey in the Fall of 2024 must complete and submit an application for Admissions, a high school transcript, and your official ACT or SAT scores to be considered for one of the University's Merit Scholarships. (**NOTE:** Transfer students are not required to submit high school transcripts or test scores; only your most recent college transcripts).

Once all required documents have been received, weighted GPAs and test scores will be reviewed to determine scholarship eligibility. Students who've completed their admissions by the deadline and meet the merit scholarship requirements for a merit scholarship will be offered the appropriate scholarship as long as funding is available.

Students who have met the merit scholarship requirements will be notified via email of an offer beginning **December 1st**.

### WHAT'S NEW

We are happy to announce that we have a new tier this year! We heard from many students, administrators, and parents who expressed the desire for a quality education, the difficulties in funding that endeavor, and the help needed. We understand, and it is our hope that this new tier will show and provide some assistance during your college journey.

**Tier 3** consists of four merit-based scholarships open to all undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and proper classification. Students' previous semester GPAs will be reviewed, and once confirmed, a scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the fall or spring semester. Availability of scholarships is determined by funding, and the total amount of the scholarship is for the semester **only**. It will not be split for the academic year.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- These academic merit scholarships are applicable for fall and spring semesters only and not for summer or mini semesters unless noted in the official scholarship offer agreement.
  - These academic merit scholarships are renewable for up to four consecutive academic years (8 consecutive semesters) for new first-time students and up to two consecutive years (4 consecutive semesters) for new transfer students, maintaining the scholarship requirements outlined in the agreement.
  - Merit scholarships will not auto-renew if the student does not maintain the required criteria and eligibility is reviewed at the end of each semester.
  - Students must be enrolled full-time each fall and spring semester, earn a minimum of 15 credit hours each semester, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
  - Students who receive multiple merit scholarship offers from Tennessee State University's Office of Institutional Merit Scholarships can only receive **one** merit scholarship, BUT it can be combined with other scholarships from the TSU Foundation, colleges, and departments.
  - These merit scholarships cannot be converted into cash or issued as a refund.
  - A student's total semester cost may be reduced or adjusted due to financial aid restricted to the Cost of Attendance.
- ! Merit scholarships are only valid for the term indicated. If the student does not enroll or attend the Fall 2024 semester, the scholarship cannot be deferred and will be forfeited.**

AWARDS	AMOUNT	GPA	ACT	SAT
<b>TIER ONE</b>				
Presidential Scholarship (In-state)	\$18,630*	Minimum of 3.5 or higher	28-36	1300-1600
Presidential Excellence Scholarship (Out-of-State)	\$24,630*	Minimum of 3.5 or higher	28-36	1300-1600
Trustee Scholarship (In-state)	\$16,630*	Minimum of 3.3 or higher	26-27 or higher	1230-1290+
Trustee Excellence Scholarship (Out-of-State)	\$22,630*	Minimum of 3.3 or higher	26-27 or higher	1230-1290+
Academic Merit Scholarship (In-state)	\$15,630*	Minimum of 3.3 or higher	24-25 or higher	1160-1220+
Academic Excellence Award (Out- of-State)	\$21,630*	Minimum of 3.3 or higher	24-25 or higher	1160-1220+
<b>TIER TWO</b>				
Future Tiger <b>Transfer</b> Scholarship	\$10,000*	Minimum of 3.0	N/A	N/A
The Big Blue Scholarship	\$8,000*	3.0-3.2 or higher	19-23 or higher	990-1150+

- ✓ The Office of Institutional Merit Scholarships can be contacted by email:  
[meritscholarships@tnstate.edu](mailto:meritscholarships@tnstate.edu)
- ✓ For additional information and the latest updates, please go to our website:  
<https://www.tnstate.edu/oims/index.aspx>.
- ✓ For More Information call Dr. William Smith at (571-214-3003) email address  
wsmith42@tnstate.edu