

Dual Enrollment Grant

RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Dual Enrollment Grant program is defined as a grant for study at an eligible postsecondary institution that is funded from net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded to students who are attending an eligible high school and who are also enrolled in college courses at eligible postsecondary institutions for which they will receive college credit.

The Dual Enrollment Grant program is funded by the Tennessee Lottery and administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. This program provides opportunities for students to begin working toward a college degree, while still pursuing a high school diploma, and encourages post-secondary education and the acceleration of post-secondary attainment.

Eligibility and Participation Requirements

To be eligible for the Dual Enrollment Grant program, a student enrolled in an eligible high school must be admitted to and enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution. Institutional admission requirements will govern the initial grant eligibility of dual enrollment students. A student must be a Tennessee resident, as defined by Chapter 0240-2-2, Classifying Students In-State and Out-of-State, as promulgated by the Board of Regents, for one year as of September 15 of the academic year of enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution. To be eligible, the student must:

1. Have completed all of the academic requirements of the 10th grade (high school sophomore) and be classified as an 11th grader (high school junior) or 12th grader (high school senior) by the student's eligible high school.
2. Apply for the grant in their junior and/or senior years prior to high school graduation;
3. Complete and submit the Dual Enrollment Grant application and the Additional Course Agreement on-line by the deadline dates.
4. Meet admissions criteria for dual enrollment for the postsecondary institution to which the student will enroll as a dual enrolled student;
5. Enrollment at the postsecondary institution requires no minimum number of hours.
6. Renew the Dual Enrollment Grant application each postsecondary academic term;
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8. Comply with United States Selective Service System requirements for registration, if such requirements are applicable to the student;
9. Be in compliance with federal drug-free rules and laws for receiving financial assistance;
10. Not be in default on a federal Title IV educational loan or Tennessee educational loan;
11. Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV student financial aid program or a Tennessee student financial aid program;
12. Not be incarcerated;
13. Not have already received a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) diploma;
14. Be a Tennessee resident one (1) year prior to enrollment; and
15. Be attending an eligible postsecondary institution.

Home School Student:

Home School Student: A student who is completing high school in a Tennessee home school program meeting the requirements of §49-6-3050 shall have been a student in a home school associated with a church-related school as defined by §49-50-801 and registered with the Tennessee local school district which the student would otherwise attend as required by §49-6-3050(a)(2)(C)(i) or an independent home school student whose parent or guardian has given notice to the local director of a Tennessee school district under § 49-6-3050(b)(1) of intent to conduct a home school.

PAYMENT AT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

1. Award amount is up to \$300 per semester for one (1) course. For an additional course per semester with a total semester amount not to exceed \$600 (\$1,200 per academic year), the student must meet the minimum HOPE Scholarship academic requirements at the time of dual enrollment. For more details, please see Tennessee HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements.
2. Students who receive the Dual Enrollment Grant amount for more than four (4) dual enrollment courses over the junior and senior years will have the amount reduced from their HOPE Scholarship on a dollar for dollar basis.

3. College courses attempted and the number of years enrolled as a dual enrolled students shall not count against the 120 semester hours and five (5) years limitation.
4. The Dual Enrollment Grant shall be used for lower division (courses numbered 100-200 or 1000-2000) postsecondary degree-seeking courses.

LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY

A student's participation in the Dual Enrollment Grant program is limited to the remaining amount of time normally required to complete the high school diploma, from the time of initial participation in the program. The grant is available for the summer terms, prior to graduation from high school.

CREDIT HOURS AND GRADE AVERAGE DETERMINATION

1. Semester hours attempted under the Dual Enrollment Grant program grant shall not count toward the total semester hours attempted at postsecondary institutions for purposes of Tennessee HOPE scholarship eligibility.
2. The corresponding grades for the postsecondary credit hours taken as a dual enrollment credits shall not be included in the postsecondary cumulative grade average for purposes of the HOPE program.
3. To be eligible for a dual enrollment grant for any semester beyond the first semester of receipt, the student shall continue to meet all eligibility requirements for the grant and shall achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 for all postsecondary courses attempted while participating in the Dual Enrollment Grant program.
 - a. The grade point average is the numbered grade average calculated using a 4.0 scale, calculated to the hundredth decimal.
 - b. The postsecondary cumulative grade point average used to determine eligibility for a renewal of a Dual Enrollment Grant must be calculated by the institution the student is currently attending, utilizing its institutional grading policy and must be based on all credit hours attempted, except as otherwise provided in this rule.
 - c. Courses in which a student enrolls as an audit student for which no college credit will be received cannot be paid with a Dual Enrollment Grant award.
 - d. Students who obtain a grade change shall notify the Registrar's Office within thirty (30) calendar days of the grade change and request reinstatement of his/her award on a form developed by the institution for this purpose. If the grade change makes the student eligible for a Dual Enrollment Grant, the student can be awarded retroactively in the current award year. If the grade change affects

the student's eligibility from the previous award year, the award may be adjusted in the current award year.

- e. A student enrolled in a matriculating status at an eligible postsecondary institution shall qualify for award payment for distance learning courses if all other eligibility requirements are met.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The online application must be completed and processed by the deadline date each semester in order for a student to participate and receive funding from this grant. The application processing deadline dates for the college award year are: September 15 for fall enrollment, February 1 for spring, or May 1 for summer enrollment. The processing deadline dates for Tennessee Technology Centers are: November 1 for fall enrollment, March 1 for spring and May 1 for summer enrollment.

