

The Senior/Junior Message

Aug. 27-31

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

- **MON., AUG. 27-FRI., SEPT. 1ST**- Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Warren will continue Hall Talk sessions with each senior (individual counseling session). Seniors should finish pages 10-12 in the Senior handbook. Each senior will receive a Next Steps checklist with items to complete.
- **FRI., AUG. 31ST-SIGNED SENIOR CONTRACTS ARE DUE TO GUIDANCE! *DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE!!* A copy is attached to newsletter.**

REMINDER:

- Seniors may check with Mrs. Warren or Mrs. Baker to see if they qualify for an application fee waiver. MOST colleges will take the application fee waiver which waives the entire application fee and you will be eligible for two ACT fee waivers. You may email us to check on waiver warrenb@scsk12.org or bakerbg@scsk12.org

Follow up Information from Parent Night on Aug. 23rd :

Question: What are the eligible institutions that will accept the TN Promise?

TN Promise Two year Scholarship- List of Eligible Institutions in the state of Tennessee-

<https://tnachieves.org/high-school-class-of-2019/eligible-post-secondary-institititons/>

NOTE: To attend an eligible four year colleges with two year programs, you must meet the admissions requirements of the four year college, you must apply for the two year associate degree and the cost will only be covered up to the two thousand dollars a semester that the TN Promise covers at a two year public school. You should speak with our TN Achieves area coordinator about this to get all of the details: Ms. Chasity Robertson at: chasity@tnachieves.org

For more information about the TN Promise scholarship, go to Shelby County Partner organization TN Achieves and read about the benefits and requirements for this scholarship: www.tnachieves.org

TN Promise/TN Achieves Financial Aid Information mentioned by Univ. of Memphis representative:

EXAMPLE

Student will receive:

	<u>2 yr Southwest TN</u>	<u>4 yr Univ. of Memphis</u>
Federal Pell	6,095*	Federal Pell 6,095
TSAA Grant	1,300* (2yr)	TSAA Grant 2,000 (4yr)
HOPE Lottery	3,000 (2 yr)	HOPE Lottery 3,500 (4yr)
HOPE (21 act or 3.0 unweighted GPA)	Total aid \$10,395	Total aid \$11,595
	Cost \$4,300 per year	Cost \$10,300 yr.
	Refund check Approx. \$3,000 per semester	Refund \$650 per sem.

The TN Promise scholarship is a "Last Dollar Scholarship" so it will not pay at the two year school in the example above UNLESS the student's family income changes and/or the student loses the HOPE lottery. The TN Promise is \$4,000 per year. It is recommended to keep your eligibility for the Promise just in case you lose your other financial aid.

*full amount of Pell/TN Student Assistance Award (may be partial depending on parent income). Pell is same amount at 4 and 2 year college.

UPCOMING COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/PREVIEW DAYS:

UT Martin Fall Preview Days- Registration opens Sept. 1st- Preview Days are Oct. 6th or Nov. 10th. UT Martin is approx.. 2 hours north of Memphis. More info go to:

https://www.utm.edu/departments/admissions/preview_day.php

UT Chattanooga- Blue and Gold Preview Day- Nov. 3rd- To register go to <https://www.utc.edu/admissions/news-and-events.php>

Middle TN State Univ. Fall Preview Days on Sat., Sept. 22, Oct. 6th or Nov. 3rd. Register for these events at <http://www.mtsu.edu/schedule-a-visit/special-events.php>

East TN State University- Fall Open House events on Oct. 20th and Nov. 3rd. Register for event at <https://www.etsu.edu/admissions/visit/>

Free Application Opportunities:

UT Chattanooga- Moc in a Minute Memphis Event-Register for this event at <https://utc.hobsonsradius.com/ssc/eform/C7BS5oN6868Ex67oolKxF.ssc>

Students who meet the admissions requirements will complete the application at least 24 hours before the event and get an official transcript from Mrs. Warren or Mrs. Baker. You will get the application fee waived when you attend event. For more details, see the attached flyer.

UT Martin- Free application days for all seniors-Sept. 18, 19, 20. There will not be a charge for the online application.

TN Public Universities fee waiver info:

Univ. of Memphis- Accepts application fee waiver

UT Martin- Accepts application fee waiver

UT Chattanooga- Only accepts five waivers per high school. Student must meet admissions criteria.

Middle Tn State- Accepts waiver but student must meet admissions criteria.

Austin Peay State Univ.- Does not accept fee waivers

TN State Univ.- Does not accept fee waivers.

East TN State Univ.- Accepts fee waivers but student must submit paper application and ETSU fee waiver.

UT Knoxville- Accepts application fee waiver.