



Tennessee Scholars Requirements

2014 Graduates and Beyond



Tennessee Scholars is a workforce development program designed to communicate to students the requirements for success in post-secondary and the workforce. The curriculum is based on the existing higher education system in Tennessee which includes all Tennessee Post-secondary institutions. It also fully considers the manufacturing and service industries in Tennessee and the trainable workforce needed for continuing their operations or for attracting new industry. The Tennessee Scholars curriculum gives students the greatest number of options to pursue academic excellence, to enter post-secondary education, the military, or the workforce. The benefits for graduating as a Tennessee Scholar are: full tuition to any Tennessee College of Applied Technology and scholarships to many two year and four Tennessee post-secondary schools. It guarantees increased job potential, recognition, and rewards. Scholars designation is recognized on job applications in more than twenty states.

- 4 English Courses
- 4 Mathematics Courses (Algebra I, Algebra 2, Geometry, and one higher level math).
Bridge math will not count toward Tennessee Scholars requirements!!!!!!
- 3 Laboratory Science Courses (Biology and Chemistry are required and one additional lab science, Physics strongly preferred)
- 3 Social Studies (Must meet requirements of the Tennessee Diploma Project)
- Personal Finance as required by the State of Tennessee
- Must meet State requirements for health and / or physical education
- 1 Fine Arts
- 2 Foreign Language courses in the same language

Additional Criteria –Choose at least two credits from the following: (These courses can be a combination of two of the following or two in the same category). These additional courses cannot count toward other requirements for Tennessee Scholars.

- Career Technical Education
- Fine arts (Such as music, art, dance, drama, production, etc)
- AP courses which are not already used for basic requirements
- Dual credit / dual enrollment courses which are not already used for basic requirements
- International Baccalaureate courses not used for basic requirements
- Online not used for basic requirements

Workforce Development Skills Requirements

- 80 hours of Volunteer Service to the Community (See website for non approved Volunteer hours).
- Maintain a “C” Average minimum in all Tennessee Scholars courses.
- 95% Attendance Required. (Cannot miss more than 36 total days in 4 years of high school)
- No out-of-school suspensions

Online and homeschool students must provide a transcript and documentation of volunteer service, attendance, and discipline to the State Director of Tennessee Scholars. They must also provide the completed checklist for the program. The checklist can be found on the website under requirements.

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