

# WE NEED YOU

TO HELP STUDENTS GAIN  
A VALUABLE EDUCATION  
through Sevier County Board of Education,  
Walters State Community College  
and ETSU Sevierville

*Sevier County*  
**PARTNERS IN PROGRESS**  
*Education Foundation*

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Education Foundation  
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Sevierville, TN 37862-3448



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## HOW DOES PIP BENEFIT STUDENTS?

*"The national student loan debt is now over \$1.5 trillion. Thanks to the support of the Sevier County Partners in Progress Foundation in conjunction with local business owners, students like me have been afforded the opportunity to stay out of this growing debt and obtain a quality education."*

- Jacob

*"Thanks to the blessing that is Partners in Progress, in addition to other scholarships I've earned, I am getting a bachelors degree free. It's a huge benefit to my future as I will be coming out of college debt-free. I'm already ahead of the curve thanks to PIP."*

- Hunter

*"With the help of the PIP scholarship, I am able to obtain a four-year college degree with zero student debt. Partners in Progress understands that students not only are enrolled full-time, but many also work full-time supporting the community as well. The ease of this scholarship allows students to continue focusing on their education without being concerned about how to pay for it."*

- Amanda



**SEVIER COUNTY**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION



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## WHAT IS PARTNERS IN PROGRESS?

**Sevier County Partners in Progress Education Foundation is an organization created to benefit the educational endeavors of the citizens of Sevier County.**

Sevier County Partners in Progress Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Tennessee exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. These purposes include:

- Providing scholarship funds for any student attending one of the high schools in Sevier County to take dual enrollment classes at Walters State Community College
- Providing scholarship funds for students in Sevier County that have completed 60 hours or graduated from Walters State Community College to attend East Tennessee State University in Sevierville
- Encouraging volunteer service to the Sevier County School System and other educational institutions located in Sevier County
- Generating financial support for educational improvements in Sevier County
- Fostering community support for the Sevier County School System and the higher education institutions in Sevier County

According to a report issued by the  
Tennessee Higher Education Commission,

# only 18.1%

**of Sevier County residents (age 25-64)  
have a bachelor's degree or higher. With  
your help, we can improve that number.**

## REASONS TO DONATE

Everyone has different causes that are near & dear to their heart, but contributing to the future success of a student has many benefits that go far beyond your initial contribution. Earning a degree is a major milestone that opens career paths and leads to new opportunities. Higher education is a catalyst for positive change. It improves lives and better our community.

**Your donation will:**

- Provide scholarships for students in Sevier County.
- Give students a chance for a brighter future and an opportunity to improve their quality of life.
- Encourage students and give them an opportunity to become leaders in our community.
- Give students options and choices that they would never have without the scholarship.
- Help increase the number of Sevier Countians with a degree beyond high school. This supports the State of Tennessee's "Drive to 55" initiative which is to have 55% of Tennesseans equipped with a college degree or certificate by the year 2025.
- Better prepare our workforce for the future.

As a 501 (c)(3) organization, your donation to the foundation is tax deductible.



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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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*Sevier County Partners in Progress Education Foundation does not sell or share your personal information. It is used only to acknowledge your gift and to provide necessary tax receipts.*

**Please advise how you wish to contribute:**

Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a (check one):**

☐ One-time donation    ☐ Quarterly donation

☐ Annual donation    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### DONATION RECOGNITION

Please list my name as: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I prefer that my gift remain anonymous.

☐ My gift is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My gift is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return your pledge form to Partners in Progress (mailing address on reverse side of form).**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BY SUBMITTING THIS FORM, YOU AGREE THAT  
NO COMPENSATION, GOODS OR SERVICES WERE  
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