

SEVIER COUNTY PARTNERS IN PROGRESS HIGH SCHOOL MIDDLE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL MIDDLE COLLEGE PARTNERS IN PROGRESS SCHOLARSHIP, A STUDENT MUST:

1. Be a resident of Sevier County and be enrolled in a high school in Sevier County for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to making application for the scholarship.
2. Meet Middle College requirements as outlined by Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC).
3. Have completed all the academic requirements of the 10th grade and be classified as an 11th grader (high school junior), have completed and submitted the Middle College Grant application through the TSAC Student portal at https://ws.edu/_media/pdf/academics/distance-ed/dual-college/middle-college-application.pdf. The student must also complete the WS application.

The Middle College grant from the State of Tennessee is \$2,000/semester (\$4,000/year) for a student that is considered full-time (Fall/Spring semesters only). Students must meet with high school counselors and Walters State Community College advisors in their sophomore year to determine academic eligibility. Eligible students must reapply each year for the Middle College PIP Scholarship.

4. Have a high school GPA of 3.0 + (letter grade of B) or an ACT composite of 21 to be eligible to take Middle College classes. Student must maintain a 3.0 college GPA to remain eligible for the program.
5. Students enrolling in English composition sequence or in a college level mathematics course must have appropriate placement levels as administered by the Office of Enrollment Services at Walters State Community college. Minimum ACT scores required: **Math/Reading 19; English 18 or a high school GPA of 3.0.**
6. Students that are currently recognized as juniors are eligible to apply for the PIP scholarship. A student must first apply for all other scholarship and financial aid programs available.
7. **A Dual Enrollment student cannot apply for both Dual Enrollment and Middle College. A student can sign up for Middle College and switch to Dual Enrollment. A Dual Enrollment student cannot apply as a Dual Enrollment student and then switch to Middle College.**

8. The Partners in Progress grant applies to classes taken at the Walters State campus in Sevierville as well as classes taken at the student's high school.

Understanding How Middle College Grant and PIP Money is applied to Student Account

Students **do not receive refunds** from monies paid out by PIP.

PIP agrees to pay up to \$500/semester per student enrolled in Middle College. PIP is a last dollar scholarship.

**A student who chooses to pull from HOPE lottery must meet HOPE Lottery Scholarship academic requirements at the time of Middle College enrollment. (ACT Composite Score of 21 and/or High School GPA 3.0)*

***ALL AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT ON AVAILABLE FUNDING**

For additional information please contact your high school guidance counselor.

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