

SEVIER COUNTY PARTNERS IN PROGRESS ETSU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PARTNERS IN PROGRESS ETSU SCHOLARSHIP, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST:

1. Be a resident of Sevier County.
2. Be a graduate of a high school in Sevier County as well as a graduate from Walters State Community College or have completed the 60 hours to be recognized by ETSU as a college junior. Homeschool graduates may contact ETSU Sevierville to discuss eligibility.
3. Must be eligible for the Tennessee Lottery Hope scholarship to maintain eligibility. (If you are home-schooled student and your program qualifies for the HOPE scholarship, you are eligible for a Partners in Progress Scholarship. Check with ETSU campus Sevierville to verify.)
4. A student must meet the minimum GPA requirement for the Degree Program they wish to pursue.
5. Since some programs are now all online programs and provided the student lives in Sevier County and is enrolled in one of these programs, the student will still be eligible for a PIP scholarship. [Students living on and/or enrolled at the Johnson City campus will not be eligible for scholarships under this program.](#)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS:

1. Students must first apply for all other scholarship and financial aid programs available at ETSU.
2. In the event that the student receives any other financial aid, this scholarship will pay the balance of the account up to **\$3,000/semester (\$6,000/year maximum)** after the federal Pell Grant and all other scholarships have been applied. The PIP ETSU Scholarship is available to a student in Sevier County for four semesters at the ETSU Sevierville campus after completion of required course work at WSCC. A student has the option to use the PIP scholarship within 6 semesters following completion of coursework at WSCC.
3. Awarding of the PIP scholarship will be determined by the program of study the student is pursuing.
4. Students that decline a Tennessee Lottery Scholarship or any other grant or scholarship available at ETSU will be ineligible for the Partners in Progress ETSU Scholarship.
5. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as outlined by ETSU.
6. Based on their program of study, a student may take less than 12 hours. The PIP scholarship will be prorated based on the number of hours they are taking. Should a student elect to use

the PIP scholarship on a pro-rated basis, the semester will be considered one of the 4 semesters of eligibility.

7. If a student meets the above requirement, they may be able to renew the PIP ETSU scholarship for a second year of study. In order to be considered for renewal, the student must submit a scholarship renewal application for the following academic year before the required deadline of **May 15**.
8. Based on HOPE guidelines, HOPE allows for one “regain” opportunity. If a student is successful in regaining HOPE eligibility, PIP will do the same on a case-specific basis.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE PIP ETSU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MUST SUBMIT:

1. A completed application for admission to ETSU.
2. A completed PIP ETSU scholarship application to ETSU by **July 15 for Fall semester** and **Dec. 15 for Spring semester**. The application must be submitted to ETSU Sevierville. To receive a scholarship during Summer Semester, a student must submit a completed PIP ETSU scholarship application to ETSU Sevierville by **May 1**.
3. A completed application for federal student financial aid (FAFSA) – **February 1! (For 2024 ONLY, the deadline is July 1, 2024. In 2025, the deadline will be February 1!) FAFSA must be completed online now. There are no paper applications. Students are no longer able to print signature pages therefore the student and their parent will need a FSA ID.** (Students will be awarded the PIP ETSU scholarship on a first come, first serve basis per the submission date of the FAFSA)

NOTE: *An individual desiring to participate in the PIP ETSU Scholarship Program must meet these deadlines in order to be considered for PIP scholarship funding.*

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

Returning students in good standing with ETSU will receive first priority on scholarship dollars.

For additional information or if you have questions about these guidelines, please contact Sevierville@etsu.edu.

**An “Exit” Interview may be required for graduating ETSU PIP Scholarships students prior to their last semester. The student will be asked to complete and sign an Exit Document.*

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