TN Promise COVID-19 Updates

Due to the current state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission/Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (THEC/TSAC) has made the decision to waive the April 1, 2020 community service requirement.

A Tennessee Promise student enrolling at an eligible institution for the summer term will not be required to complete and submit community service to maintain eligibility for that term.

Furthermore, THEC/TSAC continues to monitor the impact from COVID-19 related to the July 1, 2020 community service deadline.

SUMMER 2020 UPDATES

 TN Promise college students are now able to receive TN Promise funding for the summer 2020 term at an eligible institution without having to be enrolled full-time. This means students can receive funding if they are enrolled in less than 12 credits this summer.

Important things to remember

- This only applies to **current** TN Promise students, not incoming students!
- Student GPA will still be reviewed at the end of the academic year before the start of the fall 2020 semester. **Students MUST have at least a 2.0 GPA by the start of the fall 2020 semester to remain eligible for the scholarship.**
- **Receiving TN Promise summer funding will count toward a student's five semesters of available funding.**

Virtual Community Service Opportunity Ideas

Columbia State Community College recognizes that completing community service hours for the July 1, 2020 deadline may be challenging. Therefore, we have provided the following suggested community service opportunities.

- Visit https://tnachieves.org/community-service/webinars/. By watching TN Achieves webinars, you will accumulate community service hours. Each video will account for one hour of community service.
- Knitting and Crocheting for Nursing Home residents
- Writing thank you and encouraging notes/cards to healthcare professionals and first responders.
- Visit Maury Regional Health's webpage for multiple volunteer opportunities: https://www.mauryregional.com/patient-and-visitor-information/covid-19-how-you-can-help

- https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/9-places-to-volunteer-online-and-make-a-real-impact
- https://www.bookshare.org/cms/get-involved/volunteer- Offers thousands of books to people with reading disabilities. As an online volunteer you can either scan books to be added to the collection or edit books that have been scanned.