

High School to College Initiatives: Dual Enrollment

A dual enrollment course is a postsecondary course, taught either at the postsecondary institution or at the high school, by the postsecondary faculty (may be credentialed adjunct faculty). Upon successful completion of the course, students are able to earn postsecondary and secondary credit simultaneously. Students in these courses are enrolled at the postsecondary institution and pay tuition and fees associated with the course.

To be eligible, the student must:

- Have completed all the academic requirements of the 10th grade (high school sophomore) and be classified as an 11th grader (high school junior) or 12th grader (high school senior) by the student's high school.
- Apply for the grant as a junior and/or senior prior to high school graduation;
- Complete and submit the Dual Enrollment Grant application on-line by the deadline date for each semester as indicated below;
- Meet admissions criteria for dual enrollment for the postsecondary institution to which the student will enroll as a dual enrolled student;
- Enrollment at the postsecondary institution requires no minimum number of hours.
- Comply with United States Selective Service System requirements for registration, if such requirements are applicable to the student;
- Be in compliance with federal drug-free rules and laws for receiving financial assistance;
- Not be in default on a federal Title IV educational loan or Tennessee educational loan;
- Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV student financial aid program or a Tennessee student financial aid program;
- Not be incarcerated;
- Not have already received a high school diploma, revised General Education Development (GED) diploma or HiSET;
- Be a Tennessee resident one (1) year prior to enrollment; and
- Be attending an eligible postsecondary institution. [Click Here for listing.](#)

The State does not officially approve courses for dual enrollment. LEAs or high schools partner with postsecondary institutions to determine appropriate dual enrollment course offerings for high school students.

The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program provides grant funding for dual enrollment tuition and fees. Effective with the 2015-16 academic year, the award amounts at eligible two-year and four-year institutions for the Dual Enrollment Grant (DEG) are:

- Up to \$500 – Course #1
- Up to \$500 – Course #2
- Up to \$200 – Course #3
- No award – Course #4
- Up to \$100 per credit hour – Course #5
- Up to \$100 per credit hour – Course #6

- Up to \$100 per credit hour – Course #7
- Up to \$100 per credit hour – Course #8

DEG award amounts for courses 5-8 shall not exceed \$600 per semester (\$1,200 per year).

A student may receive funding for one (1) course per semester. To receive funding for one additional course per semester, the student must meet the minimum HOPE Scholarship academic requirements at the time of dual enrollment.

To be eligible for a Dual Enrollment Grant for any semester beyond the first semester of receipt, the student shall continue to meet all eligibility requirements for the grant and shall achieve a cumulative college grade point average of 2.75 for all postsecondary courses attempted while participating in the Dual Enrollment Grant program.

Students who receive the Dual Enrollment Grant amount for more than four (4) dual enrollment courses over the junior and senior years will have the amount reduced from their Tennessee HOPE Scholarship on a dollar for dollar basis.

College courses attempted and the number of years enrolled as dual enrolled students shall not count against the 120 semester hours and five (5) years limitation for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship program.

The Dual Enrollment Grant shall be used for lower division (courses numbered 100-200 or 1000-2000) postsecondary degree-seeking courses.

A student's participation in the Dual Enrollment Grant program is limited to the remaining amount of time normally required to complete the high school diploma, from the time of initial participation in the program. The grant is available for the summer terms, prior to graduation from high school.

For additional information concerning the TN Dual Enrollment Grant program visit:

<https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college/tn-education-lottery-programs/dual-enrollment-grant.html>