



TN COLLEGE APPLICATION & EXPLORATION MONTH

2025–2026 COLLEGE APPLICATION VIDEO & FEE WAIVER TOOLKIT

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) has partnered with Tennessee higher education institutions to provide college application instructional videos. These videos, created by Tennessee colleges, walk students step-by-step through each college’s application process. The Video link below will open the college’s instructional video. The Application link will bring you to the college’s admissions application or website. To celebrate Tennessee College Application and Exploration Month, many institutions are offering application fee waivers during September, and you will find the dates below.

If the institution you are looking for is not listed, please visit the institution’s website for access to their college application. More schools will be added, and new videos shared during September, so please check back regularly.

COLLEGE NAME	VIDEO LINK	APPLICATION LINK	IS THIS INSTITUTION OFFERING AN APPLICATION FEE WAIVER?
American Baptist College		Application	No application fee
Austin Peay State University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, use code “APAPPLY”
Belmont University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 19, use code “TNWEEK26”
Bethel University		Application	Yes, Sept. 8 – 30, no code needed
Bryan College		Application	No application fee
Carson–Newman University	Video	Application	No application fee
Chattanooga State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Christian Brothers University		Application	No application fee
Columbia State Community College		Application	No application fee
Cumberland University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, use code “CUAPPLY”
Dyersburg State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
East Tennessee State University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, use code “TNFreeApp26”
Fisk University		Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, no code needed
Freed–Hardeman University		Application	No application fee
Jackson State Community College		Application	No application fee
Johnson University	Video	Application	No application fee
King University	Video	Application	No application fee
Lane College	Video	Application	No application fee
Lee University		Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, use code “APPLY2026”
LeMoyne–Owen College		Application	No application fee
Lincoln Memorial University	Video	Application	No application fee
Lipscomb University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 30, use code “THEC25”
Maryville College		Application	No application fee
Middle Tennessee State University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 21, no code needed
Milligan University		Application	Yes, Year–round, use code “BUFFALO26”
Motlow State Community College		Application	No application fee
Nashville State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Northeast State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Pellissippi State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee
Rhodes College	Video	Application	No application fee
Roane State Community College		Application	No application fee
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology	Video	Application	No application fee
Tennessee State University		Application	Yes, September 1–30, no code needed
Tennessee Tech University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 19, no code needed
Trevecca Nazarene University		Application	No application fee
Tennessee Wesleyan University		Application	No application fee
The University of The South	Video	Application	No application fee
Tusculum University		Application	No application fee
Union University	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, use code “TN2526”
University of Memphis		Application	Yes, Sept. 1 – 30, no code needed
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 19, use code “FREEAPP26”
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 17, no code needed
University of Tennessee at Martin	Video	Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 19, no code needed
UT Southern		Application	No application fee
Vanderbilt University		Application	Yes, Sept. 15 – 19, no code needed
Walters State Community College	Video	Application	No application fee

Many institutions offer application fee waivers for students who are in need of financial assistance. Students with financial need should contact their college of choice and inquire about available application fee waivers or discounts.