

Tennessee State University - Forms & FAQ for Undergraduate Admissions

How to Apply to TSU

Students can apply for admission through the **Future Tiger Portal**.

- **Apply Now @** <https://futuretiger.tnstate.edu/>
 - **Office of Admissions Enrollment Checklist @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/documents/Scan.pdf>
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I submit a photo of my diploma instead of a transcript?

No, official transcripts are required. Diplomas are not considered official documentation. Transcripts provide a detailed view of coursework, grades, credits, and graduation date.

2. What immunizations are required?

- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses or proof of immunity
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Two doses or proof of immunity
- **Meningococcal:** Required if living in on-campus housing
- **Hepatitis B:** Required for health science students with patient contact

For exemptions, contact **Student Health Services @** studenthealthservices@tnstate.edu

3. Are test scores required for freshmen applicants?

Yes, first-time freshmen under age 21 must submit **ACT or SAT scores** to ensure fairness in admissions decisions.

4. How do I update my application after submission?

Send updates (PDF format) to **Admissions @** admissions@tnstate.edu

5. Can I change my major after applying?

Yes, submit a **Change of Major Form**.

- **Change Your Major @**
<https://www.tnstate.edu/cpsua/degrees/Change%20of%20Major%20Form.pdf>
 - **Send completed form to Admissions @** admissions@tnstate.edu
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6. Are interviews or resumes required for admission?

No, TSU does not require interviews or resumes for undergraduate applicants.

7. Can first-year students defer admission?

Yes, students can change their start date using a **Change of Term Form**, but **scholarships do not carry over**.

- **Change of Term Form @**
<https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/documents/ChangeOfAdmissionsTerm.pdf>
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8. Is orientation required?

Yes, all first-time freshmen must attend orientation. Transfer students with fewer than 60 credits are also required to attend.

- **Orientation Details @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/>
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9. Does TSU award credit for AP & IB test scores?

Yes, TSU grants credit for:

- AP scores of **4 or 5**
- IB scores of **6 or 7**

Official scores must be sent to **Undergraduate Admissions**.

- **More Info @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/>
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10. Does TSU track demonstrated interest in the admission process?

No, TSU does not consider demonstrated interest for admissions decisions.

11. How are legacy applicants evaluated?

Alumni connections do not guarantee admission. Admissions decisions are based on academic achievements and test scores.

12. How can I contact an admission counselor?

Email **Admissions @** admissions@tnstate.edu

13. Can I appeal my admission decision?

Only freshman applicants may submit a **Freshman Admissions Appeal**.

- **Appeal Requirements:**
 - Freshman Appeal Cover Page
 - Personal Statement
 - Three Letters of Recommendation
 - Deadlines: **August 1 (Fall), January 1 (Spring), May 1 (Summer)**
 - **Appeal Form @**
<https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/documents/FreshmanAdmissionsAppealForm.pdf>
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14. What are the minimum high school coursework requirements?

- 4 years of **English**
 - 4 years of **Math**
 - 4 years of **Science**
 - 3 years of **Social Studies**
 - 2 years of a **Foreign Language**
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15. What if a natural disaster prevents me from submitting materials on time?

Contact **Admissions @** admissions@tnstate.edu for assistance. TSU will work with students on an individual basis.

16. Is the Intent to Enroll binding?

No, an intent to enroll is **non-binding** and does not require a financial commitment.

17. Does TSU need my official high school transcript?

Yes, final high school transcripts with a **graduation date** are required for all applicants.

- **Transcript Submission Deadline: July 1**
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18. Does TSU superscore test results?

No, TSU considers the **highest single test score date** instead of superscoring.

19. Does TSU offer guaranteed admission?

Yes, students meeting the following criteria receive **guaranteed admission**:

- ACT score of **19+** OR SAT score of **900+**
 - Weighted GPA of **3.2+**
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20. What if my previous institution has closed?

You must submit transcripts from all previously attended colleges.

- **Request a Transcript for Closed Institutions @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/Student%20Request%20for%20Transcript%20from%20Closed%20Institutions.pdf>
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21. Can TSU send my high school or other college transcripts to another institution?

No, TSU only provides **TSU transcripts**. Contact your previous school for transcripts.

- **Request a TSU Transcript @** <https://www.parchment.com/students/order-status/>
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22. How do I update my residency status?

Complete the **Residency Appeal Form** and submit supporting documentation to the Office of Records.

- **Residency Appeal Form @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/documents/ResidencyClassification.pdf>
 - **Contact Records Office @** records@tnstate.edu
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23. Do I have to submit all college transcripts?

Yes, including **dual enrollment courses, trade schools, and beauty/barber colleges**. Missing transcripts may delay financial aid and admissions processing.

24. Is the housing application refundable?

No, **housing prepayments are non-refundable**. However, payments can be transferred from **Fall to the following Spring** if a student delays enrollment.

25. What if TSU appears on my FAFSA, but I never attended?

Submit an **Enrollment Verification Form** to confirm non-attendance.

- **Enrollment Verification Form @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/records/documents/forms/Enrollment%20Verification%20Form%20Fillable.pdf>
 - **Send completed form to Records Office @** records@tnstate.edu
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Additional Resources

- **Visit Campus @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/visit/>
- **Facebook @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/facebook/>
- **Instagram @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/instagram/>

- **Twitter @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/twitter/>
- **YouTube @** <https://www.tnstate.edu/youtube/>