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The state agencies (TSAC/THEC) have provided additional guidance about state grants and scholarships for all students, in response to the effects the COVID-19 outbreak has had on community and technical colleges. If you are planning on registering for Summer 2020 classes, the following information may be helpful to you:

HOPE Scholarship: as of right now, you still have to enroll at least half-time (6 credit hours) to receive HOPE and other TN Lottery scholarships. You also still have to be meeting the benchmark GPA requirements, but the Financial Aid Office will be looking at each student's situation, individually, since the announcement was made to change to online classes on Friday, March 13th. As much as possible, we will be reviewing every HOPE recipient to try and prevent losing eligibility due to a change in enrollment or not meeting the GPA requirements. Currently, the lifetime limits for HOPE still apply, whether or not you use HOPE this summer.

*Summer 2020 is the last semester that courses do not have to be required for graduation in your current program of study.

TN Promise: you do NOT have to submit an appeal for summer 2020 if you want to enroll less than full-time (12 credit hours). We will also be reviewing each student individually to try and prevent any enrollment changes since March 13th from impacting your eligibility for TN Promise. You also have until the end of summer 2020 to meet the 2.0 GPA requirement, which we will also be reviewing on an individual basis. Right now, the summer semester counts towards your 5-semester limit, so you DO need to notify the Financial Aid Office if you want to use your TN Promise scholarship for summer 2020 for less than 12 credit hours. Information will be made available, later, about the fall 2020 semester.

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TN Reconnect: you do NOT have to submit an appeal for summer 2020 if you want to enroll less than half-time (6 credit hours). We will also be reviewing each student individually to try and prevent any enrollment changes since March 13th from impacting your eligibility for TN Reconnect. You also have until the end of summer 2020 to meet the 2.0 GPA requirement, which we will also be reviewing on an individual basis. Right now, the five-year limit still applies, and you DO need to notify the Financial Aid Office if you want to use your TN Reconnect grant for summer 2020 for less than 6 credit hours. Information will be made available, later, about the fall 2020 semester.

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To notify the Financial Aid Office about using TN PROMISE or TN RECONNECT for less than the required number of credit hours, please use one of the following methods:

1. *Submit a Comment Sheet: log into TigerWeb at <https://tigerweb.chattanoogastate.edu/>. Navigate down the page to the "Financial Aid" menu and find the link to the "Comment Sheet." You can complete this form entirely online, but please tell us if you are wanting to use TN Promise for less than 12 hours in the summer 2020 semester, or TN Reconnect for less than 6 hours in the summer 2020 semester.*
2. *Send an email from your Chattanooga State email account: send a message to finaid@chattanoogastate.edu, letting us know your student ID (A-number) and whether you want to use TN Promise for less than 12 hours during the summer 2020 semester, or TN Reconnect for less than 6 hours during the summer 2020 semester. Messages from a personal email account cannot be used for this purpose.*

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