

Your mandatory TN Promise meeting serves as an opportunity to meet your tnAchieves mentor and learn more about TN Promise scholarship requirements and expectations. This time is meant to help you prepare for the next steps on your journey to college! Make the most of this opportunity – take notes and use this handout to guide your experience!

Meeting Goals & Expectations

- **Check in!** Your attendance is required at your mandatory TN Promise meeting, so be sure to complete the check-in process. Scan the QR code at the bottom of this page or click the link in your TN Promise mandatory meeting reminder text!
- **Connect with your tnAchieves mentor.** Review the conversation starters and activity on this handout for a guide on what to discuss. You will have two opportunities to meet with your mentor during the meeting!
- **Confirm the best way to reach one another moving forward.** Ensure you have the most up-to-date email and phone number for future outreach. Use the **My Mentor** section to record your mentor’s contact information!
- **If you have not already, make a plan to file the 2023-2024 FAFSA.** Visit StudentAid.gov to file by March 1, 2023. Connect with your mentor if you need help accessing FAFSA filing resources.
- **Visit connect.tnAchieves.org to ensure your CONNECT profile is activated!**
 - Not sure if you have activated your account? Visit tnAchieves.org/activate to access your unique sign-in page.
- **Visit the website of a local TCAT or community college that you may be interested in attending (visit tnAchieves.org/colleges to view a list of eligible TN Promise institutions).** Bookmark their application web page so you can apply as soon as possible.
- **Discuss any questions or concerns that you may have about the college-going process with your mentor.** If you need help, connect with a tnAchieves staff member or college representative on site to ensure you leave feeling prepared and confident to begin the college-going process.

Mentor & Student Checklist

March 1*	File the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at StudentAid.gov. Visit tnAchieves.org/FAFSA for helpful resources and step-by-step guides.
April-May	Meet with your tnAchieves mentor at a tnAchieves Open House, in your community or virtually via tnAchieves CONNECT. It is important to meet with your mentor in the spring to ensure you are on track to begin college in the fall!
May 1	Complete a college application! Once you apply, let your mentor know!
June 1	Register for at least 12 credit hours for the fall term. Check in with your mentor if you have questions as you complete this process or need help deciding on a major!
July 5*	Complete and submit 8 hours of community service. Need help identifying volunteer opportunities? Talk with your tnAchieves mentor who may have recommendations!
Aug. 15 – Sept. 1*	Begin college classes! Make sure you are attending your classes and are enrolled full-time!

*TN Promise scholarship requirements. Failure to complete TN Promise scholarship requirements by the appropriate deadline results in the permanent loss of TN Promise scholarship eligibility.



My Mentor

Collect your mentor's contact information! Be sure to add this information to your phone!

- My Mentor's Name: _____
- My Mentor's Phone Number: _____
- My Mentor's Email Address: _____
- Next Mentor Connection (Date/Time): _____

Part 1: Conversation Starters

- Share where you are from, what your hobbies and interests are and if you are involved in any activities as a high school student!
- Have you thought about how you will complete your required 8 hours of community service?
- Are you currently working? Do you plan to work while you are a college student?
- Have you given any thought to where you want to go after high school? What type of career are you interested in attaining?
- What can your mentor do to help you over the coming months? Is there a specific aspect of going to college that you are uncertain or nervous about?

Part 2: Activity

We believe college is for everyone! Whether you are attending a technical college, community college or four-year college/university, earning a post-secondary credential will help prepare you for a meaningful career. Many students are motivated to go to college for different reasons. Utilize the activity below to identify why you want to go to college and prepare to achieve your goals!

- Why do you want to graduate from college? Write two sentences below identifying your reason for going to college and its importance!

- To accomplish your ultimate goal of graduating from college, it is important to set short-term goals to ensure you are on the right track toward earning a college degree or certificate. Set two short-term goals below!
 - *Example: Complete a college application.*
 - *Example: Earn a 3.0 GPA my first semester of college.*
 - GOAL #1:
 - GOAL #2:
- What are some potential challenges you may face in pursuing this goal? How can you overcome those challenges?
 - Challenge:
 - Solution:
- Finish this sentence: Two years from now, I hope to be....


*Check in to let us
know you are here!*

