



**T**he Tennessee Higher Education Commission was created in 1967 by the Tennessee General Assembly to achieve coordination and foster unity with regard to higher education in the state. The Commission coordinates and provides guidance to the institutions governed by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, the six-locally governed state universities, and the community colleges, and colleges of applied technology governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

### **What services or resources does this agency provide?**

CollegeforTN.org provides a one-stop shop for all things college and career for Tennesseans.

### **What areas of Tennessee do they serve?**

The entire state of Tennessee can access and implement the resources and information found via CollegeforTN.org.

### **Is there a cost and, if so, who pays?**

There is no cost; this is a free resource provided by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

### **For which students might this agency be appropriate?**

This website is useful for all students of all ages, regardless of whether the student has a disability or not.



### **Who is eligible to receive their services/ supports and when?**

All students can use/access the resources found on CollegeforTN.org, save for minors under 13 years of age without teacher/counselor permissions.

### **What is the family's responsibility?**

The family's responsibility is to support student self-assessment completion and to help their child explore college and career information.

### **What is the student's responsibility?**

The student should create a student account within CollegeforTN.org and input contact information to receive text messages and other virtual reminders about important milestones in their college and career pathways. The student should also take time to explore the website to learn more about the college and career opportunities available in Tennessee.



### **What is the responsibility of an educator?**

The educator should encourage students to interact with the website and to create connections between lessons and relevant college and career planning.

### **How (and when) do you involve them in the transition planning process?**

- Use the website with students to discover their skills, and how those skills relate to possible career options.
- Explore the TNReconnect portion of the website for quick information on all universities, colleges, TCATs, and community colleges in Tennessee.
- There are resources for parents, teachers, counselors, and students on the website. Each stakeholder should explore the resources prior to IEP meetings.

### **Where can I learn more?**

Visit their website at: <https://www.collegefortn.org/open/welcome>

### **What questions should I ask of College for Tennessee?**

- How will CollegeforTN.org actually help my student?
- When should I start preparing for life after high school? Now! Get started within CollegeforTN.org.
- Where can I find out information about the costs and loans while in college?

### **Where can I learn more?**

Visit their website at: <https://www.collegefortn.org/open/welcome>

Visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CollegeforTN/>

Follow them on Twitter at: @CollegeforTN

Give them a call at: (615) 741-1318

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