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About Private Higher Education in Tennessee

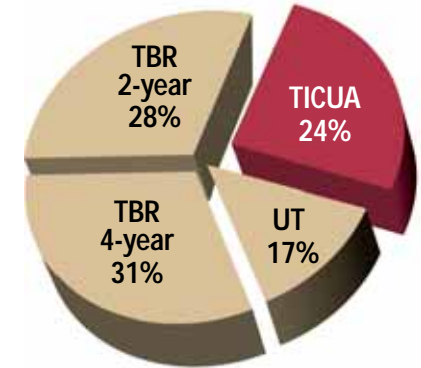
-  TICUA members include 37 private colleges and universities across the state.
-  Over 62,000 students are enrolled in TICUA institutions, about half of which are students who graduated from high school in Tennessee.
-  Undergraduate tuition and fees at TICUA member colleges and universities average 30% less than the national average to attend a private college or university.
-  About 80% of students attending TICUA member institutions receive some form of financial aid.
-  The median family income of students attending one of the state's four-year private colleges or universities is less than the median family income of students attending one of the state's four-year public colleges and universities.
-  For every \$1 the state spends on higher education, 2 cents is given to students attending private colleges and universities through the Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) grant. This funding reaches close to 3,300 students a year at an average award amount of about \$4,400.
-  In fall 2004, approximately 5,400 students attending TICUA institutions received the newly established Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS).
-  Member institutions provide over \$200 million in institutional aid to students.
-  TICUA institutions award more bachelors, masters, and professional degrees than any other sector in the state.
-  TICUA member colleges enroll students from every county in the state.

TICUA Members

Aquinas College, Nashville
 Baptist College of Health Sciences, Memphis
 Belmont University, Nashville
 Bethel College, McKenzie
 Bryan College, Dayton
 Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
 Christian Brothers University, Memphis
 Crichton College, Memphis
 Cumberland University, Lebanon
 Fisk University, Nashville
 Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville
 Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson
 Hiwassee College, Madisonville
 John A. Gupton College, Nashville
 Johnson Bible College, Knoxville
 King College, Bristol
 Lambuth University, Jackson
 Lane College, Jackson
 Lee University, Cleveland
 LeMoyné-Owen College, Memphis
 Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate
 Lipscomb University, Nashville
 Martin Methodist College, Pulaski
 Maryville College, Maryville
 Meharry Medical College, Nashville
 Memphis College of Art, Memphis
 Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison
 Milligan College, Milligan College
 Rhodes College, Memphis
 Southern Adventist University, Collegedale
 Southern College of Optometry, Memphis
 Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens
 Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville
 Tusculum College, Greeneville
 Union University, Jackson
 The University of the South, Sewanee
 Vanderbilt University, Nashville

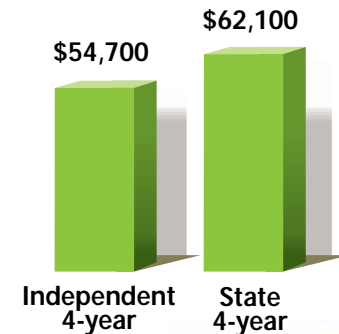
TICUA Student Highlights

Percent of Enrollment by Sector, 2004 - 05



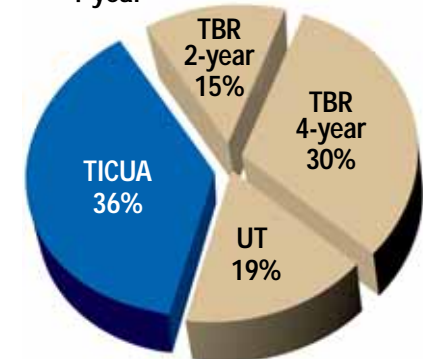
PLEASE NOTE: Percentages do not equal 100 due to rounding.

The Median Income of Students at Tennessee's Independent Colleges Is Less Than at State Institutions



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) 2003-04. Statistics are for dependent students who are Tennessee residents.

Percent of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2004 - 05



TBR-Tennessee Board of Regents institutions
 UT-University of Tennessee system campuses

SOURCE FOR PIE CHARTS: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2005.

2006 Funding Proposal

TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD (TSAA)

This award includes the Ben Atchley Opportunity Grant.

Target Population - Qualified, low-income recent high school graduates and adult learners in the state.

Ben Atchley Opportunity Grant: *Target Population* - Qualified, low-income recent high school graduates and adult learners in the state attending a Tennessee independent college or university.

Current Funding - \$42.3 million - Last year's funding level left over 36,000 eligible students without grants.

Requested Increase - \$30.4 million - This incremental increase will fund an additional 15,800 students.

TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS (TELS)

Target Population - Recent high school graduates with at least a 3.0 High School GPA or 21 ACT Score (980 SAT)

Current Funding - \$16.9 million - In its first year, this program served over 5,400 Tennesseans attending TICUA member institutions

Requested Increase - TICUA supports any effort to protect or increase the purchasing power of the TELS program, which includes expanding eligibility of the Foster Care Grant to students attending TICUA institutions.

CONTRACT EDUCATION

Target Population - This program provides educational opportunities for eligible Tennessee students not offered by public colleges by taking advantage of available capacity in state private colleges, while saving the state hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Current Funding - \$1.7 million

Requested Increase - \$3 million - This increase will fully fund all Tennesseans* at the SREB recommended level seeking this unique educational opportunity.

**This amount is based on the Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) recommended level seeking this unique education opportunity.*

For over 200 years, private colleges have been serving the Volunteer state. In 1956, the precursor of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) was established for private colleges and universities throughout the state. TICUA is dedicated to the preservation of student opportunity and choice in higher education.

TICUA engages Tennessee's private colleges and universities to work collaboratively in areas of public policy, cost containment, and professional development to better serve the state and its citizens. The association counts among its membership each independent, non-profit, regionally accredited college and university in Tennessee with a traditional arts and science curriculum. In addition, there are several non-profit, regionally accredited members that specialize in such fields as medicine, dentistry, optometry, fine arts, and mortuary science.



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