



2026 SASHTO Scholarship Guidelines and FAQs

1. Who is eligible to receive a SASHTO scholarship?

Students are eligible to receive a SASHTO scholarship if they meet the following requirements:

- They will be enrolled full-time (registered for at least 12 credit hours) at an accredited school/university for the fall 2026 semester.
- They are a dependent of an active, full-time TDOT employee who has completed at least two (2) years of service by May 1, 2026.
- They are between the ages of seventeen (17) and twenty-three (23) before the first day of classes for fall 2026.
- They have not received a SASHTO scholarship previously.

2. Can more than one student from the same family apply?

All eligible students may apply for the one-time SASHTO scholarship but only one (1) student per family may win in any given year. Any TDOT employee's child that has previously won a SASHTO scholarship will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to participate in this year's drawing, or any future SASHTO Scholarship offerings. However, TDOT employees with other qualified children may re-enter those the following year.

3. What other information are students required to submit?

Students must attach one of the following to their online application: (all documents must contain the student's name):

- Letter of acceptance as a full-time student for Fall 2026 (as determined by the educational institution).
- Copy of class schedule for the fall 2026 semester.
- Copy of transcript that shows enrollment for the fall 2026 semester.

4. Are students at out-of-state institutions eligible to receive the scholarship?

Yes, the scholarship will be valid for either in-state or out-of-state educational institutions.

5. How does a student apply for a 2026 SASHTO scholarship?

All applications must be completed online at:

https://stateofennessee.formstack.com/forms/sashto_student_scholarship_application

6. What is the deadline for applications to be submitted?

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. central time on Friday, May 15, 2026.

7. How are the scholarship winners selected?

The scholarships will be awarded via drawing with TDOT Commissioner Will Reid. The drawing will be filmed, and the recording will be emailed to all applicants and parents.

8. After I submit the application what do I do next?

A TDOT administrator may reach out if additional information is needed. If not, no additional action will be required from the applicant or parents. TDOT HR will provide updates on the next steps of the scholarship award process after the application window closes.

9. How do winners receive their scholarship funds?

The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the bursar's office at the student's academic institution. The university bursar's office will then deposit the funds into the student's account. **It is important that the bursar's office address** (not the primary school address) is included on the SASHTO application.

10. What happens if my student decides to transfer or decides not to attend school?

If the recipient decides not to attend any accredited educational institution, or if they transfer from the institution where the funds were originally deposited, the student will forfeit the scholarship, and the educational institution will be instructed to apply the funds to their general scholarship funds.