

# INFORMATION SHEET

The Walters State Community College BASE Grant is designed to increase retention and graduation in populations who have historically had lower rates of representation and completion in higher education. This grant is designed to do this by creating an environment that expresses a sense of belonging to all students regardless of their background. This, in turn, shall strengthen the success of these underrepresented groups on campuses.

The award is based on the number of eligible applications received, documented need and recommendations from the BASE Grant Committee. **Students must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Be a Tennessee resident; U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
  - Be admitted to Walters State Community College - enter WS ID number from acceptance letter on frontpage.
  - Have completed and submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - Meet with the Director of Multicultural Engagement prior to being awarded of the grant.
  - Complete a BASE Grant Application. **Submission deadline of application for Fall 2026 is July 10, 2026.**
- Students must meet one of the following qualifications: (preference given to students who meet more than one)**
1. First generation college student (your parents have no education beyond high school)
  2. Non-traditional student (age 25 or older)
  3. Documented disability (must be registered with the office of Disability Services)
  4. Geographically disadvantaged (living in Hawkins, Cocke, Grainger, or Union Counties)
  5. Veteran (must be registered with the office of Veteran's Affairs)
  6. Along with at least one above, demonstrate and document financial need

**The student's unmet need, after all other grants and scholarships have been awarded, will be considered when determining eligibility for this grant.**

**Grant recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress standards (SAP) as outlined by Walters State Community College. These include but are not limited to:**

- Maintain 2.0 GPA in all coursework
- Received grant for 12-15 hours of enrollment, must satisfactorily complete 9 hours
- Received grant for 9-11 hours, must satisfactorily complete 6 hours
- Received grant for 6-8 hours, must satisfactorily complete 3 hours
- Received grant for less than 6 hours, must satisfactorily complete the hours attempted

**\*Subject to change in TBR policy**

**Applicant must not be a graduate of a 2-year college, have earned a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree. Graduation from WSCC terminates eligibility.**

Students may not be eligible for the grant after receiving the grant for the equivalent of four full-time semesters.

Maximum Amounts Awarded based on Enrolled Hours:	
12 or more	\$2500
9-11	\$1800
6-8	\$1000
1-5	\$800

Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis, as determined by the BASE Grant Committee.