



## Cosby High School Senior Packet



Dear Senior,

Congratulations, you have made it and you're finally a **Senior!** This is the beginning of the busiest and most important year of your school career. Below are some key things to consider and prioritize during your Senior year:

☐ **Your first goal is to pass all your courses and graduate!**

Remember: At the end of your senior year, you must have ALL required credits completed in order to participate in the CHS graduation ceremony. If you are having academic difficulties, we encourage you to reach out to your teacher for help or talk to your counselor. Since most of your courses are full year courses, it is important to stay on track!

☐ **Local Scholarships:**

The CHS Counseling Dept will be publicizing and maintaining local scholarship applications, such as the Kiwanis Club, Cocke County Education Foundation Scholarships, along with many others. We will publicize these scholarships through the Aspen portal (see our Senior Newsletter link in Aspen). As always, Seniors are invited to check for scholarships in person in our office.

➤ **Transcript Requests:**

Transcript requests can be submitted through our Counseling website at [CosbyHigh.org](http://CosbyHigh.org) (click on School Counseling link, and scroll to bottom). Students may also email us or your Ayers College Access Counselor. You may also come by the Counseling Dept and complete a transcript request form. Please indicate your preference for sending ACT scores. *(Make sure you apply to the college before requesting a high school transcript. If the transcript gets to the college before the transcript, it will be discarded).*

\*If you have taken DE courses through WSCC, and will be attending another college other than WSCC, after graduation, you will need to request a WSCC transcript be sent to your college choice at

<http://www.ws.edu/student-services/records/transcripts/>

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## Financial Aid and College Admissions Process

- One of your most important tasks of the Senior year will be completing the steps for the TN Promise and completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

We are pleased to announce that the Ayers Program has partnered with us and will be assisting our Seniors in the college and financial aid process, including the FAFSA and TN Promise. The Ayers College Access Counselor, Kylie Ogle, and the Student Success Coordinator, Aaron Self, have a full-time office here at CHS and will be available to assist students each step of the way.

**\*\*Important Tip: LEARN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER! \*\* You will need your social security number to complete many forms and applications your senior year.**

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### ➤ Important Information for Athletes:



- Athletes interested in playing sports at a NCAA college, should apply at the NCAA eligibility center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. Please note that NCAA does have certain core course and GPA requirements.
  - Athletes interested in playing sports at a NAIA college, should apply at <https://play.mynaia.org/>. Remember to have your FINAL transcript sent to NAIA or NCAA as well as the college. Please note that NCAA does not accept credit recovery courses and Sails Bridge Math.
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Seniors have the opportunity to retake the ACT for free in school during the Fall Semester, usually during September or October. Students may also choose to take the ACT test again on a national test date. For national test dates and registration, please visit [ACT.org](https://ACT.org) or see your school counselor for assistance.

## Honors & Recognition Information

1. **Valedictorian & Salutatorian** – These are the top TWO highest rankings of eligible students from the graduating senior class. This recognition will be determined by which students have the highest **WEIGHTED** cumulative student GPAs when ALL 7th semester grades have been verified. Typically, this honor is announced in mid-February.
2. **CHS Honors**- Students who have attained a 3.0 **UNWEIGHTED, CUMULATIVE** GPA by mid-year of their senior year (end of the 7th semester) can wear a gold tassel at graduation. The student will be responsible for ordering and paying for the gold tassel. A staff member usually handles this and will receive a list of eligible students in February. Please note this recognition is based on the 7th semester GPA.
3. **TN STATE Honors**- Students who scored at or above all of the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT (or equivalent on the SAT) will graduate with **STATE HONORS**. The ACT benchmarks are as follows: English=18, Math=22, Reading=22, and Science=23
4. **TN STATE Distinction**- Students who attain a "B" (3.0) average (unweighted) **AND** complete at least one of the following, graduate with **STATE DISTINCTION** -Earn a nationally recognized industry certification  
-Participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools -Participate in one of the state's **ALL-STATE** Musical organizations -Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist -Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two AP Exams  
-Attain a Composite Score of 31 or higher on the ACT -Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed post-secondary credit (i.e. Dual Enrollment)
5. **Work-Ethic Distinction**- Through the LEAP grant, seniors may earn this distinction. Students who achieve this may use it to better their chances in the job market upon graduation. In fact, as long as the student has the skills required for the job, it will guarantee them an interview with some participating area businesses. Students will need to meet both the Work Ethic registration deadline of Dec. 1st and complete requirements by March 1st. Application can be found at <https://tnworkethic.com/>. Please note that applying does not automatically qualify you. You must earn 32 points (see attached brochure). See your counselor if you have any questions.

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***What follows below is a general outline for a student resume.*** It is not the only way to create a resume but only a suggested format to help get you started. Your resume should reflect your personality, strengths, and interests.

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### Student Name

3318 Cosby Hwy  
Cosby, TN 37722  
XXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com  
423-237-xxxx

### Objective:

To earn a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.

### Education:

Cosby High School, Cosby, TN  
Graduation Date: May, 2025  
GPA: 3.76

### Work Experience:

**Coffee Pot Diner** Newport, TN

- Hostess/ Salad Expo, March 2021
- Greeted guests, and escorted them to designated table
- Assisted fellow servers in delivering orders to their tables, putting customer service
- Prepare salads to ord
- Maintain a clean and orderly eating and serving area

### Computer Proficiencies

- Microsoft Word, Google Docs, PowerPoint, Excel, and Adobe

### Honors and Activities

- Honor Roll, 2020-2023
- Basketball Cheer, 2019-2022
  - Basketball Cheer Captain, 2021-2023
- Future Farmers of America (FFA), 2020-2022
  - FFA, Secretary, 2021-2022
- Key Club, 2019-2022
- Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), 2018-2022
- Who's Who, 2022
- Academic Letterman: Nursing, 2021-2022

### Volunteer/Community Service

- XXXXX Community Outreach
  - Assisted with Food Pantry, 2022-2023
  - Assisted with Neighborhood Yard Clean Up, 2022-2023
- Newport Convalescent Nursing Center
  - Provided care and lead discussions with the elderly, 2024

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## Start checking into scholarships!

**Understand how scholarships work:** Scholarships are free money, awarded based on whatever the people holding the purse strings care about. Maybe it's athletic talent. Maybe they care most about grades. Maybe they're looking for someone who is left-handed, suffers from asthma, and/or majoring in Spanish. *No one is going to search you out and beg you to take their scholarship money. Finding scholarships requires time and effort, but the payoff can be priceless.*

**Types of Scholarships and Grants:** Scholarships and grants can come from many different sources: state/federal government sources, college scholarships, private and local scholarships. For federal grants including the Pell Grant, visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>. For state scholarship and grant information, such as the Tennessee Promise, visit <https://www.collegefortn.org/tennessee-financial-aid/>. For college scholarships, research the college's specific scholarship page on their website or talk to an admissions counselor. Finally for private and local scholarships, use scholarship search engines such as [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). For local scholarships, check with the Counseling Dept.

**Be worthy of a scholarship:** Keep your grades up, participate in extracurricular activities, and volunteer for causes that matter to you - all of these things will help give you an edge as you apply for scholarships.

**Know where to look:** During your senior year, scholarships will come through the counseling office and be listed in the Senior Newsletter, which is posted in the Counseling Department, as well as online. When you begin looking at which college you want to attend, make sure to check with that college's Financial Aid Office as well. While local scholarships are your best bet, don't assume that online, national searches are a waste of your time. They may be more competitive, but the payoff can be bigger too.

**Don't get scammed:** Scholarship information is free. Think twice (or call your counselor) before paying someone for scholarship information.

**Do it right:** Make sure to complete scholarship applications fully, neatly, and honestly.

**Don't give up:** Applying for scholarships can get very competitive. Don't be discouraged if your first efforts aren't rewarded immediately. It's worth your time to keep trying.

## TENNESSEE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

\*Please note below amounts in this publication are subject change, pending legislature and policy revisions.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Entering freshmen must have a minimum of a 21 ACT (1060 SAT), exclusive of the essay and optional subject area battery tests OR
- Overall *unweighted* minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA)
- See complete list of eligibility & award rules at <https://www.collegefortn.org/tennessee-hope-scholarship-3/>

**For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible two-year school:** Up to \$1600 per semester per full-time enrollment semester, as a freshman & sophomore.

**For entering freshmen enrolled at an eligible four-year and two-year school with on-campus housing:** Up to \$2,250 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshman and sophomore; then up to \$2,850 per full-time enrollment semester as a junior and senior

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Only courses leading to a student's eligible program of study (associate or baccalaureate degree program) can be awarded under the HOPE Scholarship program
- Award amounts are available for summer enrollment
- Determination of class status is made by the postsecondary institution

Once enrolled in college courses, **DO NOT DROP** a course, unless you have checked with the financial aid office first. Dropping a course may jeopardize your scholarships, depending on full-time versus part-time requirements.

## TENNESSEE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Students who graduate can receive an award at an eligible postsecondary institution toward tuition, after all other gift aid has been first applied. High school students must attend mandatory meetings and participate in a mentoring program. College students must attend full time, continue to participate in the mentoring program, and perform 8 hours of community service prior to each term the award is received. For more details, visit

<https://www.collegefortn.org/tennessee-promise-scholarship/>

→ **CHOOSE to challenge yourself and think about the future.**



**[www.collegeforTN.org](http://www.collegeforTN.org)**

The [www.collegeforTN.org](http://www.collegeforTN.org) website provides many tips that you could use to be successful in high school, as well as a scholarship search engine and career interest inventory/information. These tips and techniques can help you right now and in the future. In addition, this website has numerous tools to assist in finding the right college for you including type of school, size, majors, and tuition cost.



Visit: **[Platform.majorclarity.com](http://Platform.majorclarity.com)**

Major Clarity has many tools and filters for researching colleges and career interests. They include: Competitiveness (requirements ACT/GPA, acceptance rates), costs, scholarships, majors, location, and size of the campus.

Other helpful resources:

- The ASVAB is a great tool to assist you in noting your areas of strength and weakness. Use your results with their online tools to determine what types of careers better suit you. Sign up for ASVAB testing in the Counseling Dept or email us. It is also a required assessment for you to take if you are interested in enlisting into any military branch.
- Kiersey Test: [www.keirsey.com](http://www.keirsey.com) - A personality test that will help you determine what kind of careers would be the best for you.
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/> Detailed career descriptions are available on this site. An excellent tool for anyone trying to decide on a career path.
- O'Net: This site is maintained by the National Center for O'Net Development, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor.
- Other websites include: [www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com), [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org), [www.campusexplorer.com](http://www.campusexplorer.com), [www.tntransferpathway.org](http://www.tntransferpathway.org)