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Dear Tennessee Reconnect Applicant:

The last few months have certainly brought a lot of uncertainty into our communities, between damaging storms and the COVID-19 crisis. However, it is times like this when it's more important than ever to envision where we want to be in the future. As a Tennessee Reconnect applicant, you've already taken that first step, and I am pleased to inform **you that you have earned conditional acceptance** to a Tennessee community or technical college of your choice.

Our campus faculty and student-support staff excel in providing both online and on-campus education. We are flexible in meeting students where they feel safest – whether that is online or in small classes of socially distanced students, in classrooms regularly cleaned following CDC guidelines.

- **Our campuses are experts in providing online education.** If you're not ready to be on-campus this fall, you can still earn credits. Our staff have years of experience delivering distance learning courses.
- Tennessee Transfer Pathway programs **guarantee your credits transfer to participating universities** upon admission. There are 57 pathways available. Nine public universities and 22 privates participate.
- **You likely can attend tuition-free.** Financial assistance, including Tennessee Reconnect, covers tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students, allowing you and your family to avoid unnecessary student debt. Many of our colleges have foundations that offer **textbook grants and other assistance** for those in need.
- **You can be career-ready in a year.** If you wish to enter the workforce quickly, you will find our technical colleges offer more than 60 programs that can lead to a good-paying career in 12 months or less.
- **We'll walk you through the process.** We provide quality, one-to-one student advising and success coaching. Our Guided Pathways programs were ranked the nation's best by Columbia University.
- Remember, once you have chosen your college and applied, make sure to **complete your FAFSA** financial aid forms at fafsa.gov.

Tennessee's 13 Community Colleges and 27 Colleges of Applied Technology are high-quality institutions of higher education, with campuses spanning the state from Memphis to Mountain City, just a short drive from your home. Explore our colleges at tbr.edu/start, where you can find information about our colleges and their programs. We look forward to the opportunity to provide a quality education for you.

Again, congratulations on taking the first step towards your college degree!



Dr. Flora W. Tydings, Chancellor