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Naomi Derryberry Announces Retirement

After 43 years of dedicated service to students, parents, TASFAA, and the state of Tennessee, Naomi Derryberry will retire from TSAC effective April 30, 2014.

A retirement reception will be held on April 9th at 1:30 p.m. at Parkway Towers in downtown Nashville following the final session of the annual TASFAA Conference. Please join us as we celebrate Naomi's career and contribution to financial aid.

We will miss her wit, charm, and personality at the TASFAA conferences and the TSAC Road Shows.



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2014-2015 TSAA Awards Made

The deadline for TSAA renewal applicants to apply for the 2014-2015 academic year ended on March 1st. Renewal applicants are students who have received an award from the TSAA program in the 2013-2014 academic year.

TSAC has made awards to approximately 16,400 renewal applicants totaling \$37.7M. Additionally, awards have now been made to 26,600 eligible applicants with a zero EFC who have a completion date through February 6, 2014. Additional awards may be made at a later date depending on the availability of funds. TSAC will make an announcement if this occurs.



Notices have been mailed to the renewal applicants who have been awarded. Award notices will be mailed to new awardees the week of March 9th.

If you have questions about the TSAA program or the awarding process, please contact Naomi Derryberry at (615) 253-7478 or via email at naomi.derryberry@tn.gov.

Legislative Proposals for the 108th General Assembly

[SB 1597/HB 147](#) – creates the “Come Back for Your Future” Scholarship which provides awards to returning students at public institutions who are within 30 hours of attaining an associate degree or within 60 hours of attaining a baccalaureate degree

[SB 1773/HB 1668](#) – removes antiquated language from definition of homeschool student

[SB 1778/HB 1500](#) – allows students graduating from out-of-state boarding schools accredited by the National Association of Independent Schools Commission on Accreditation to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship

[SB 1905/HB 1876](#) – amends the STEP UP Scholarship to allow second-year students currently enrolled in an eligible program to receive the award

[SB 1927/HB 1848](#) – creates a new loan forgiveness program called the Tennessee Rural Teachers Scholarship

[SB 2142/HB 2198](#) – permits HOPE Scholarship recipients to omit grades earned from one semester from the student’s grade point average without penalty

[SB 2235/HB 2109](#) - creates a four-year pilot program for the Dual Enrollment Grant which increases the award for each course to \$500 and requires analysis to see if covering additional costs increases participation in the program and subsequent success in college

[SB 2249/HB 2413](#) – revises the GED score from 525 to 170 for purposes of the HOPE Scholarship due to testing changes made to the GED as of January 1, 2014

[SB 2388/HB 1790](#) – allows Wilder-Naifeh recipients to receive the HOPE Scholarship and HOPE recipients to receive Wilder-Naifeh provided certain conditions are met

[SB 2401/HB 2292](#) – deletes an exception that currently allows students to receive the HOPE Scholarship at certain private postsecondary institutions

[SB 2471/HB 2491](#) – Creates the Tennessee Promise Scholarship, a last dollar program for students seeking an associate degree, certificate, or diploma, effective with the 2015-16 academic year; adds a terminating event for the HOPE Scholarship of eight (8) full-time equivalent semesters; adjusts the HOPE Scholarship award amounts to \$3,000 for freshmen and sophomore years at all institution types and \$5,000 for junior year and beyond effective with the entering freshmen class in the 2015-16 academic year; expands Wilder-Naifeh by removing restriction which prohibits prior HOPE recipients to receive the award; amends the Wilder-Naifeh award

[SB 2534/HB 2423](#) – increases the maximum attempted hours for the HOPE Scholarship from 120 hours to 132 hours and 136 hours to 148 hours

