

**Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS)
HOPE Scholarship Enrollment Appeal or GPA Review Request**

Name: _____ Lee ID: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ Email: _____

Appeal for an Enrollment Change (This may occur for any of the following events):

Check One: _____ Continuation of TELS due to withdrawal from school
_____ Continuation of TELS due to change of enrollment status within a term
_____ Non-continuous enrollment: Leave of Absence for _____ (Semester, Year)

On what basis are you appealing? Please indicate by checking one of the circumstances below:

- _____ Illness of the student. (Medical documents required)
_____ Illness or death of an immediate family member of the student. (Hospital records, Physician's statements, or Death Certificate required)
_____ Religious commitment. (Church policy on required missionary work is required)
_____ Extreme financial hardship of the student or student's immediate family. (Termination notices, Loss of income, or medical bills should be documented)
_____ Other extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control. (Please document)

You MUST submit the following documentation along with this form:

- Written description for the basis of your appeal (be specific)
 - Provide supporting documentation
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TELS – HOPE GPA Review (This may occur for one of the following):

Check One: _____ Review a Grade Change (Must be submitted within 30 days of a grade change)
_____ One Time GPA Regain at Benchmark Review
_____ One Time Course Repeat (see section HOPE Scholarship Repeat Course Provision)

A student may regain the Hope Scholarship only once if they meet the GPA requirements at the next benchmark (and all other eligibility requirements are met). **The minimum GPA requirement may not be appealed.**

Once we have received your appeal, a decision will be made by the Institution's Review Panel (IRP) and communicated to you within 14 days. The authority of the IRP's shall be strictly limited to consideration of appeals arising from eligibility determinations. Neither shall they have the authority to rule on the validity of any information provided by another institution. Additionally, the panel does not have the authority to consider requests for exceptions to the high school GPA or curriculum track requirements.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program HOPE Scholarship Repeat Course Provision

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) Rule 1640-1-19-.22 (2) – Calculation of Postsecondary Cumulative Grade Point Average

All credit hours attempted at all postsecondary institutions the student has attended after graduating from high school and their corresponding grades must be included in the calculation of the postsecondary cumulative grade point average, regardless of whether the receiving institution will apply the credit hours toward the student’s degree requirements. Except as provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, credit hours that were repeated shall be included in the postsecondary cumulative grade point average calculation, and are counted towards the limitation on credit hours.

(a) A student shall have a one-time option to repeat one course and utilize only the higher of the two grades in the calculation of their postsecondary grade point average for purposes of determining continued eligibility for a TELS award. The semester hours for both attempted courses, however, will be included in the one hundred twenty (120) semester hours limitation.

College/University Attending: _____

Name of institution other than the college or university listed above _____

Please identify the course you would like to use.

Course Name & Number (i.e. English 101)

**Number of Hours
(i.e.3)**

**Semester/Year Taken & “Grade”
(i.e. Fall/2019 “C”)**

**Semester/Year Retaken & “Grade”
(i.e. Spring/2020 “A”)**

Acknowledgement:

I have read and understood the TSAC Rule mentioned above. I also understand the repeat course option shall only be used for the purpose of determining whether or not I meet the continuation requirements for the HOPE Scholarship. The cumulative grade point average calculated is determined as if the only attempt at the course was the attempt in which the highest grade was achieved.

Student’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____