



PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TUITION REDUCTION

Any Tennessee resident who has a permanent total disability may qualify for tuition reduction. Student Disability Services (SDS) will coordinate with the Bursar's office to have the tuition adjustment applied once all appropriate paperwork has been submitted and approved.

The University of Tennessee Admissions Process

A student may be enrolled in a course for academic credit without paying full tuition to the University of Tennessee. The student should apply for admission to the University, register for courses, meet the requirements of the class for specified grades, and have a permanent academic record maintained in the same manner as other students enrolled for credit. Readmission is required if the student has not attended the University of Tennessee in the last 12 months.

The student is responsible for paying UT administrative fees (e.g., admission fees, parking, lab fees, late fees, graduation fees, etc.) and purchasing textbooks and other class materials, etc. If the student desires access to Student Health, recreating facilities, Student Counseling, and/or reduced ticket prices to attend athletic events, all other student fees must be paid such as the program and services fee, facility fee, technology fee, transportation fee, etc. Information regarding the UT admissions fees and/or process, please contact the UT admissions office at 865-974-2184.

SDS Permanent Total Disability Tuition Reduction Application Process

In order to process a request for tuition reduction, submit the following documents to the Student Disability Services:

1. Completed Application (attached).
2. Legal verification of receipt of Social Security Disability benefits via one of the following:
 - a. Paperwork from Social Security or,

Student Disability Services
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865-974-6087 (p) 865-974-9552 (f) 865-622-6566 (vp)
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- b. Copy of a current bank statement showing deposited funds from Social Security or,
- c. Physician's Certificate of Permanent Total Disability (attached), completed by your physician or psychologist or,
- d. Official court documents certifying permanent total disability.

To ensure your Permanent Total Disability Tuition Reduction Application is processed before the fee payment deadline in subsequent semesters:

1. Inform SDS each semester of your intent to attend classes.
2. Provide SDS with current documentation before the beginning of each fall semester to verify receipt of Social Security Disability benefits.

NOTE: A student who is receiving services under federal or state vocational rehabilitation programs is not eligible for tuition reduction under this section.

PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TUITION REDUCTION APPLICATION

Are you receiving services under federal or state vocational rehabilitation programs?

____ Yes: A student who is receiving services under federal or state vocational rehabilitation programs is not eligible for tuition reduction under this section. We are unable to process your application. Please contact your vocational rehabilitation counselor or an SDS coordinator for additional information.

No: Proceed with application.

Student ID Number: 000-_____ Semester Requested: _____

Name: _____

First Middle Last

Address: _____ TN _____
City Zip Code

Email Address: _____@vols.utk.edu Best Contact Number: _____

Are you registered with Student Disability Services?	Yes	No

Please check which supporting documentation is included with this application:

_____ Paperwork from Social Security
 _____ Copy of a current bank statement showing deposited funds from Social Security
 _____ Physician's Certificate of Permanent Total Disability
 _____ Official court documents certifying permanent total disability

I have read and understand the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Permanent Total Disability Tuition Reduction Application Process

Student Signature

Date _____

SDS Staff Signature

Date _____

Office Use Only:

Semester	Student notified of SDS intent	Current verification rec'd	Verified	Bursar notified	Notified student of intent	Bursar confirmed	Notified student of confirmation
Initial:							

**PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY TUITION REDUCTION
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE OF PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY**

I, _____, am a licensed physician in the medical specialty of _____. I have examined (name of patient) _____ and do hereby certify that he/she has been diagnosed with a "permanent total disability that totally incapacitates the person from working at an occupation that brings the person an income" as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section §49-7-113 (below):

Physician's Signature

Date

Street Address

City/ State/ Zip Code

Print Name

Phone/ Fax Number

License Number

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section §49-7-113

Auditing or enrolling; disabled or aged person
Effective August 11, 2009

(a) (1) Disabled persons suffering from a permanent total disability that totally incapacitates the person from working at an occupation that brings the person an income, and persons who have retired from state service with thirty (30) or more years of service, regardless of age, or persons who will become sixty (60) years of age or older during the academic quarter or semester, whichever is applicable, in which such persons begin classes and, who are domiciled in Tennessee, may audit courses at any state-supported college or university without paying tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees or registration fees; however, this privilege may be limited or denied by the college or university on an individual classroom basis according to space availability.

(2) This section shall not apply at medical schools, dental or pharmacy schools, and no institution of higher education shall be required to make physical alterations of its buildings or other facilities to comply with this section.

(3) Prior to admittance, the university or college involved may require an affidavit or certificate from a physician or an agency charged with compensating the disabled person or adjudicating the permanent total disability of the person who is requesting admittance to classes that the person is permanently totally disabled as set forth in subdivision (a)(1).

(4) A student who is receiving services under federal or state vocational rehabilitation programs is not eligible for a waiver of tuition and fee benefits under this section.

(b) Subject to the same terms and conditions as provided in subsection (a), disabled persons, as defined in subsection (a), and persons who will become sixty-five (65) years of age or older during the academic quarter or semester, whichever is applicable, in which such persons begin classes and, who are domiciled in this state, may be enrolled in courses for credit at state-supported colleges and universities without payment of tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees or registration fees, except that the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee and the board of regents of the state university and community college system may provide for a service fee that may be charged by the institutions under their respective jurisdictions, the fee to be for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of keeping the records of such students and not to exceed forty-five dollars (\$45.00) a quarter or seventy dollars (\$70.00) a semester.