Financial Related FAQ

Questions from perspective students. Answers by current students.

What percent of students receive a GA position?
There is no set percentage, but few students receive these positions, as it is competitive and merit-based. There are opportunities to work as a GA in different departments. GA positions can be offered throughout the year, so if you are not offered one immediately in the fall, you may receive them in a following semester.
http://career.utk.edu/hire-a-vol/ or contact career services for other available positions http://career.utk.edu/

What percent of students receive work-study?
There is no set percentage, but when filling out FAFSA, make sure to check the box for work-study. Positions within the department are usually given on a first come, first serve basis when the program is given funding. Work-study can also be awarded at any point throughout the year. Visit the above website to look for work-study positions around campus.

How is work-study eligibility determined?
An email is sent out when funding is given and positions are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Eligibility is determined based on financial status indicated by FAFSA.

Is there a way to get in-state tuition?
If an individual comes to Tennessee for reasons other than school, and works, he or she can establish residency. If time is taken off school to work, residency can be established that way as well. Otherwise, if an individual come to Tennessee for school and no other reason, residency cannot be established.

Are there any scholarships available?
Scholarships for the program are few and far between; however, each person is automatically considered for scholarships when they apply for the program. Additional scholarships are offered to students after their first semester based on merit.

What are the different ways to pay for graduate school?
Federal loans, federal work-study, jobs outside of the program, graduate positions, and few available scholarships.

How many students receive financial aid?
All students are eligible for loans; the amount differs for each individual.

If I have more financial aid questions, who should I contact?
Our Financial Aid Counselor is Gloria Dobbs: gdobbs1@uthsc.edu or 901-448-1472.

If I have tuition related questions, who should I contact?
Visit the Bursar’s Office website: https://www.uthsc.edu/finance/bursar/. For tuition and fees, visit: https://www.uthsc.edu/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/ and choose Health Professions.