

# INFORMATION SHEET

The Walters State Community College COTE Grant is designed to promote diversity, enhance inclusiveness and strengthen the success of underrepresented groups on campuses. The under representation may be the result of gender, age, race, income, lack of college experience by parents, demographics, and/or urban/rural residence.

The award is based on the number of eligible applications received, documented need and recommendations from the COTE Grant Committee. **Students must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Be admitted to Walters State Community College - enter WS ID number from acceptance letter on front page
- Have completed and submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Meet with the Coordinator of Multicultural Engagement /Assistant to the President for Diversity
- Complete a COTE Grant Application. **Submission deadline of application for Fall 2021 is July 23, 2021.**

**Students must meet one of the following qualifications: (preference given to students who meet more than one)**

1. First generation college student (your parents have no education beyond highschool)
2. Member of an underrepresented population: African American, Native American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander.
3. Non-traditional student (age 25 or older)
4. Documented disability (must be registered with the office of Disability Services)
5. Geographically disadvantaged (living in Hawkins, Claiborne, or Union Counties)
6. Veteran (must be registered with the office of Veteran's Affairs)
7. Along with at least one of the above, documented financial need

**The student's unmet need, after all other grants and scholarships have been awarded, will be considered when determining eligibility for this grant.**

**Grant recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress standards (SAP) as outlined by Walters State Community College. These include but are not limited to:**

- Maintain 2.0 GPA in all coursework
- Received grant for 12-15 hours of enrollment, must satisfactorily complete 9 hours
- Received grant for 9-11 hours, must satisfactorily complete 6 hours
- Received grant for 6-8 hours, must satisfactorily complete 3 hours
- Received grant for less than 6 hours, must satisfactorily complete the hours attempted

Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis, as determined by the COTE Grant Committee.

**\*Subject to change in TBR policy**

**Applicant must not be a graduate of a 2-year college, have earned a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree. Graduation from WSCC terminates eligibility.**

Students may not be eligible for the grant after receiving the grant for the equivalent of four full-time semesters.

<b>Maximum Amounts Awarded based on Hours Enrolled:</b>	
12 or more -----	\$1,800
9-11 -----	\$1,350
6-8 -----	\$900
1-5-----	\$450