## GUIDE TO COMPLETING YOUR EAST TENNESSEE FOUNDATION ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2018**

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- Read this tutorial thoroughly before completing your application!
- Save your application periodically. We recommend every 15-30 minutes to avoid losing work.
- System will log off after 90 minutes of inactivity.

#### Registration Page/Log on

## If you have NOT previously logged on/are a first-time user:

1. Click on "Create New Account" to register.

#### If you have previously logged on/are a returning user:

- 1. Enter your email address, in the email address field.
- 2. Enter the password that you chose when you created your account.
- 3. Click the "Log On" button.

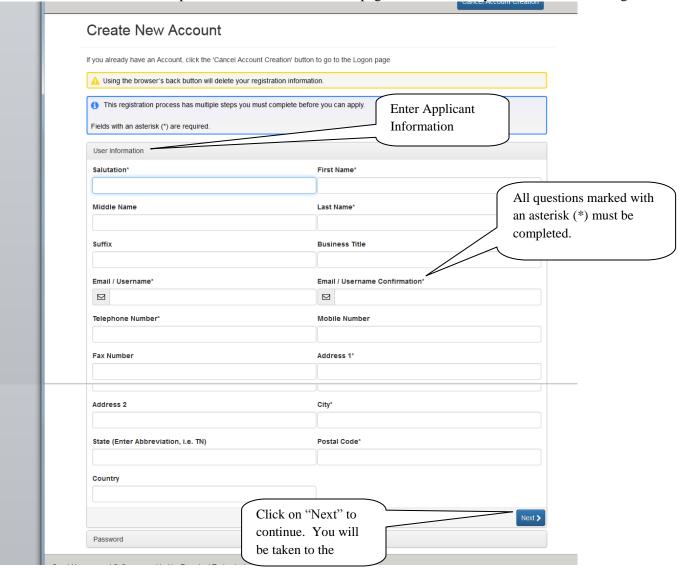
#### If you have forgotten your password:

1. You can click on the "Forgot your Password" link, enter your email address, and the system will email your password to your email account.



## **Create New Account (first time users only)**

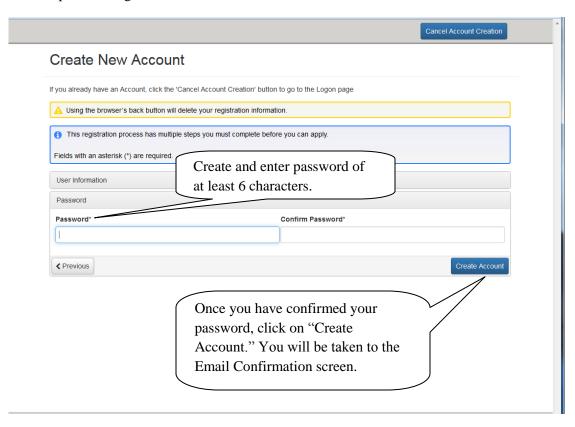
- 1. Enter your personal contact information.
- 2. Click on the "Next Step" button on the bottom of the page. This will take you to the Password Page.

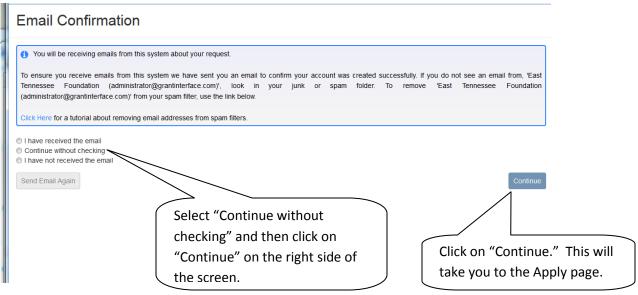


#### **Entering a Password**

To complete your registration, you will be taken to the Password page (below).

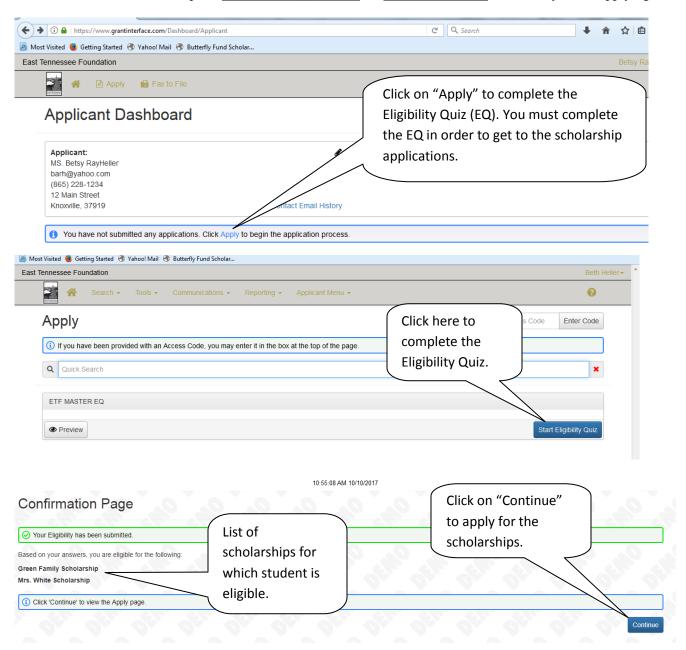
- 1. Enter a password with at least 6 characters.
- 2. Enter password again to confirm.





#### **Applicant Dashboard & Eligibility Quiz (EQ)**

- 1. After saving your password, you will be directed to your Applicant Dashboard. Click on **Apply.** This will take you to the link to the Eligibility Quiz (EQ). **You cannot access the scholarship applications** without completing the Eligibility Quiz.
- 2. After you complete the quiz, you will see a list of ETF scholarships for which you are eligible to apply on the Confirmation Page.
- 3. Click "Continue" to get to the "Apply" page.
- 4. Click on "Apply" which appears next to the name of the scholarship to apply for that particular scholarship.
- 5. You will have to complete a separate application for each scholarship for which you are applying.





#### Filling out the Application Form

The application can be completed in one sitting or you may begin the application and complete it another time. You may return to your application as many times as you wish prior to submitting it.

**Please note:** Be sure to save your work regularly -every 15-30 minutes. After 90 minutes of inactivity, you will be logged off for security reasons.

- 1. Answer each application question, paying close attention to the specific instructions and character limits.
- 2. Some questions have size and/or character limitations. Text questions have a character limit. Questions that require file uploads limit the size of those files; upload limits will be in Mega Bytes (MB).
- 3. **Uploading Documents:** All scholarships require you to upload some documents such as transcripts. **To Upload:** 
  - a. If the required documents exist in an electronic format on your computer, you may upload it by clicking the "Upload a file" button below the question and choose the desired document from your computer.
  - b. If you do not have an electronic version, but have access to a scanner, scan the document to create an electronic file and upload it.
  - c. If you do not have access to a scanner, you may use "Fax to File" to obtain an electronic copy. and follow the directions provided. Click on "Fax to File" at the top of the screen and follow the directions provided.
  - d. If you are unable to upload your required document, you must upload an attachment stating that fact, AND it is your responsibility to ensure that the required document is received by East Tennessee Foundation by the deadline.
  - e. You may only upload ONE document per question.
- 4. **Letters of Recommendation:** You must follow the directions below in order for your letter(s) of recommendation to be uploaded to your application:
  - a. Enter the email address of the individual from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation. We strongly suggest that you confirm that the individual has agreed to write your letter. **NOTE:** Do not send more than one email for each Letter of Recommendation question.
  - b. Click on "Compose Email" and compose an email to your recommender requesting that he/she write a letter of recommendation for you. Be sure to include your full name and the name of the scholarship in the email.
  - c. Click on "send".
  - d. The recommender will then receive your email and an email from East Tennessee Foundation.
  - e. Check with your recommenders to be sure they received the emails. This is very important because emails can be blocked by spam filters.

- f. The date and time the letter of recommendation is uploaded to your application will appear on your application below the "compose email" question. You may also check to see if recommendations have been uploaded to your application by going to your Dashboard.
- g. You may submit your application before the letters of recommendation have been uploaded; **HOWEVER**, **Letters of recommendations must be received by the application deadline for your application to be complete!**





#### **Applicant Dashboard (Home Icon)**

After you have saved or submitted your work, you can check whether or not you have submitted your application on the Applicant Dashboard. You can get to your Applicant Dashboard by clicking on the Home Icon at the top of the screen. Once you have registered the first time, whenever you return, you will automatically be directed to the Applicant Dashboard.

- 1. If you have submitted the application, then you can **only** view the form and print it. You can no longer make changes.
- 2. If you have saved the application, then you can edit the saved form from the Applicant Dashboard.
- 3. Top of screen (from left to right):
  - a. Home Icon
  - b. **Apply** Allows you to review the available scholarships and apply.
- Fax to File If you do not have access to a scanner, you may use "Fax to File" to obtain an electronic copy. Home Icon-Fax to File takes you Fax to File to your Applicant Dashboard Click on pencil **Applicant** icon to edit your Dashboard. Applicant: Check letters of contact Ms. Betsy Heller Betsy@gmail.com recommendation information. (865) 694-22122 10 Main Street status. This Knoxville, 37931 Contact Email History shows zero out of **Application** ✓ asdas one submitted. submitted. Howard H. Baker Medical Scholarship 2017 View Application Can view, but not Process: Copy of B & W Y-12 Scholarship 2017 TEST edit Application Submitted 10/24/2016 View Application submitted.



#### **TIPS**

- ✓ Follow all directions carefully.
- ✓ Asterisks (\*) indicate required questions; you will not be permitted to submit your application until you have answered all required questions.

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