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An Overview:

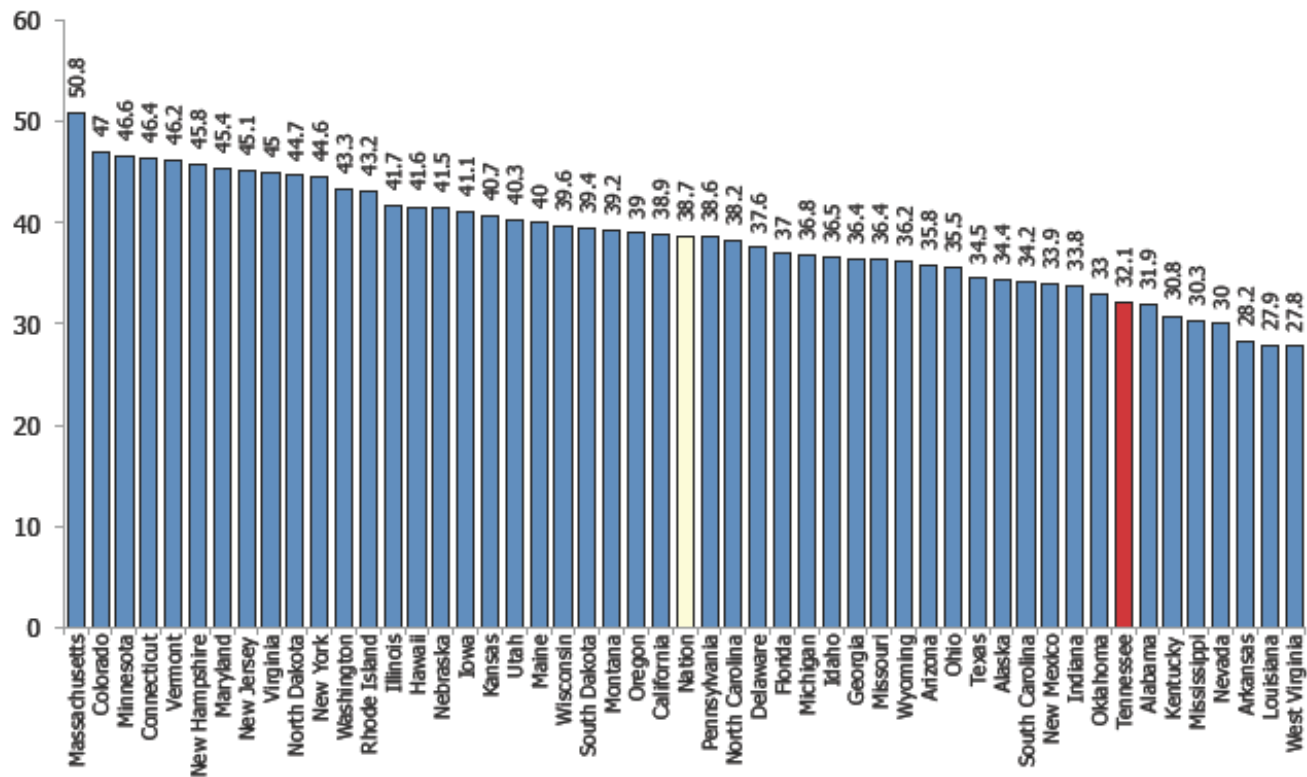
Tennessee Promise and the Drive to 55

Why are we driving to 55?

- A minimum of 55% of Tennessee jobs will require some form of postsecondary education by 2025 (Carnevale, Smith, & Strohl, 2010).
- Currently, in Tennessee, 32% of those between ages 25 and 64 hold at least a two-year degree (U.S. Census Bureau, 2011a).
- If we continue on our current trajectory, we will reach 39% by 2025, which means we will fall 16 percentage points short of our goal (Lumina, 2012).
- To reach 55%, we need 494,000 additional degrees--of which technical certificates and two-year degrees are a key part (NCHEMS & CLASP, 2013).

An Economic Imperative

Percent of 25-64 Year Olds with College Degrees – Associate and Higher, 2011





Tennessee Promise will provide the opportunity for **high school graduates** in Tennessee to attend a community or technical college **free of tuition and fees.**

- The Tennessee Promise will provide a **last-dollar scholarship**
- Individual guidance to each participant through a statewide network of volunteer mentors.
- Each participant must maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0) and complete 8 hours of community service each semester

Tennessee Promise Student Scenario 1

Academically Successful, Non-Pell Eligible

Total EFC: \$6,463

HOPE eligible

Pell: \$0

Tennessee Promise: \$646

HOPE Scholarship:
\$3,000

Tennessee
Promise:
\$646

\$3,646

Annual Tuition and Fees at a Tennessee Community College (12 hours)

Tennessee Promise Student Scenario 2

Academically Challenged, Pell Eligible

Total EFC: \$3,250

Not HOPE eligible

Pell: \$1,150

Tennessee Promise: \$2,496

**Pell Grant:
\$1,150**

**Tennessee
Promise:
\$2,496**

\$3,646

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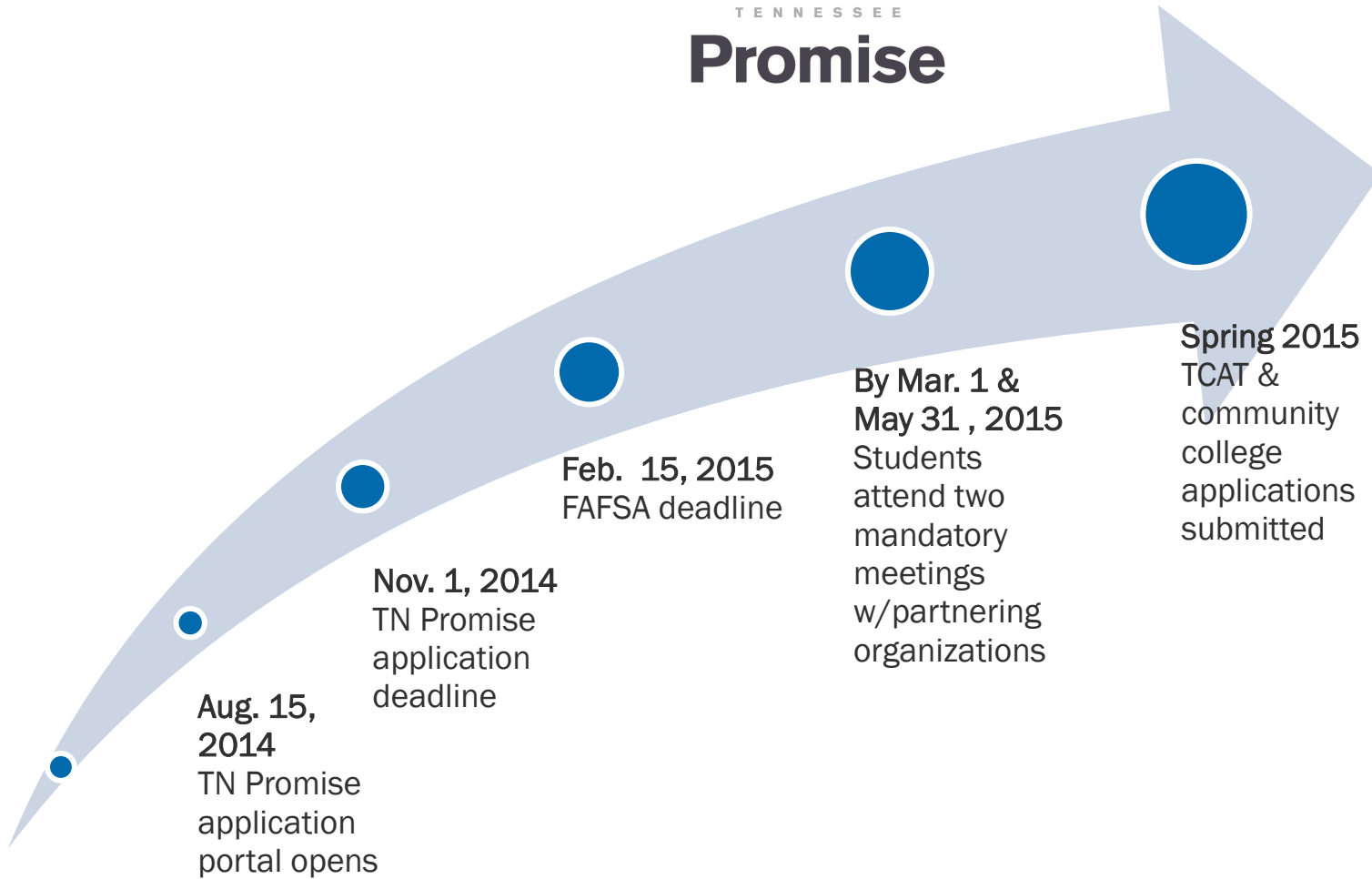
Funding Tennessee Promise

- Create a new endowment by using the Lottery for Education Account reserves in excess of \$110 million.
- Add the \$47 million endowment (from TSAC operating reserves) that was created by the General Assembly in 2013.
- Annually sweep the lottery surplus funds into the Tennessee Promise account.
- Change the HOPE scholarship structure to reduce the last dollar scholarship cost.



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Aug. 2015
First TN Promise cohort begins classes

