



Tennessee Department of Tourist Development 2026 Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association Day on the Hill Scholarship Overview

ABOUT THE TNHTA DAY ON THE HILL SCHOLARSHIP:

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development is pleased to announce that we will provide scholarships to cover **registration fees** for the 2026 TNHTA Day on the Hill March 17 – 18, 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Realizing that budgets are limited, the opportunity to attend TNHTA Day on the Hill provides those working in the **Tennessee tourism industry** the opportunity to meet face-to-face with state legislators to emphasize the importance of the hospitality & tourism issues and discuss pending legislation in 2026 that will affect our industry.

Below is a snapshot of the details for the scholarship:

- Scholarships may be awarded to each county designated as distressed or at-risk per the current or previous two FYs Appalachian Regional Commission guidelines
- Scholarships are for the 2026 TNHTA Day on the Hill only
- Scholarship award will cover the event **registration fee** only
- **Please do not register for TNHTA Day on the Hill prior to applying for this scholarship. TDTD will register scholarship recipients.**
- Scholarship cannot be used toward a match for any grant program

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. You must be employed by a tourism organization / business / Government
Examples of tourism businesses are:
 - Convention & Visitors Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, DMO
 - Community development related organizations
 - Attractions
 - Restaurants
 - Museums
 - Lodging
2. You must be able to cover the cost of travel, lodging and meals, etc.
3. Your organization must be located in a county designated as distressed or at-risk per the current or previous two FYs Appalachian Regional Commission guidelines.

****TDTD maintains the discretionary right to create exceptions or additional eligibility regulations on a case-by-case basis.***

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING:

- Can you or your organization pay for the expenses that would accompany attending TNHTA Day on the Hill? (i.e. travel & lodging expenses, etc.)
- How can attending TNHTA Day on the Hill improve your contribution to Tennessee tourism? How can it benefit both you and/or your organization?

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please return application via email by **Friday, February 27, 2026**, to Andi.Grindley@tn.gov

If you have any questions about your application, contact Andi.Grindley@tn.gov

SCHOLARSHIP NOTIFICATION:

TNHTA Day on the Hill scholarships will be awarded by **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**. You will receive notification of the status of your application via email.

Scholarships awarded are limited to available funds, as well as the number of requests received.