

## University of Tennessee Southern

### Proposed Increases to 2024-25 In-State Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will consider a proposal to increase undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Tennessee Southern (UTS) during the Board’s meeting on June 25, 2024. Tennessee law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-7-1603) requires boards of public universities to give public notice of proposed increases to tuition and mandatory fees charged to in-state undergraduate students at least fifteen (15) days prior to holding a public meeting to adopt the increases. Individuals are permitted to provide comments during the fifteen-day period at the following website:

<https://trustees.tennessee.edu/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed Tuition & Mandatory Fees	2023-24	2024-25	Change	
In-State Undergraduates	\$10,506	\$10,924	\$418	4.0%

#### **Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increase**

The transition from Martin Methodist College to UT Southern (UTS) enabled a 61% tuition reduction in 2021-22, greatly reducing the cost of a degree for students in southern Middle Tennessee. UTS made no change to tuition and fees for 2022-23 and had a modest 3% increase in 2023-24. The proposed increase will allow UTS to supplement state funding for the FY25 salary pool and offset operating inflation, which has been particularly high during the last year. In addition, increasing costs due to inflation related to technology and the need for additional tech support necessitate a fee increase. Modest tuition and fee increases are needed along with steady enrollment growth and careful use of reserves to achieve financial sustainability in future years.

#### **Purposes for Which the Revenue Derived from the Tuition Increase will be used**

The revenue generated by this increase and anticipated enrollment growth will be used for the FY25 salary pool; offset inflationary cost increases experienced across all educational programs, student services, campus operations, and infrastructure; and continue building a recurring revenue base needed to achieve long term financial sustainability.

#### **Efforts to Mitigate the Effect of Tuition Increases on Students**

During 2023-24, 99% of UTS students receive some form of scholarship, grant, discount, or waiver to offset part or all the costs of attendance. The average annual financial aid per undergraduate was \$7,602, roughly 69% of the proposed tuition and mandatory fees for 2024-25.