



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is Tristar Reads?

Tristar Reads is an annual reading contest designed to encourage children across the Volunteer State to read for at least 20 minutes a day during their summer break. **The program runs from May 31<sup>st</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and is open to all Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Tennessee.** To participate in Tristar Reads, students must register with their parent or caregiver at [tristarreads.com](http://tristarreads.com) and log their reading hours throughout the summer.

## Why is reading during the summer so important?

Summer is about fun, and reading is also fun! Reading 20 minutes per day will introduce children to 1.8 million words per year. Reading is important for all subject areas in school, and summer reading helps students to keep their reading comprehension skills sharp for the next school year. It doesn't matter what type of book your student likes to read – reading is the most important part, whether it is books about their favorite sport, graphic novels, science fiction, or other favorite genres, it is all beneficial!

## How are contest winners recognized?

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the students who read the most hours over the course of the summer. Tristar Reads will award a scholarship to the student who reads the most overall minutes, and to one elementary school student (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade), one middle school student (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), and one high school student (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). The student who reads the most overall minutes will not receive two scholarships, and the student who read the next most minutes in that age category will be awarded the grade-level award. Scholarship awards will be deposited directly into each student's 529 college savings account (visit [tinstars.com](http://tinstars.com) for more info on 529 plans); no cash will be awarded.

## How do students sign up to participate in Tristar Reads?

Students must register to participate by signing up at [tristarreads.com](http://tristarreads.com). Students under the age of 13 must have a parent or caregiver's permission to participate in the program and agree to the terms and conditions.

## How do students log their hours?

After registering for the program by filling out the signup form on [tristarreads.com](http://tristarreads.com), students will log their hours by printing reading logs from the [tristarreads.com](http://tristarreads.com) site and filling them out on paper, or by logging them electronically on [tristarreads.com](http://tristarreads.com). Students will record the date, book they were reading, and number of minutes read each day they read. Completed reading logs that have been printed can be scanned and emailed to [meredith@tnsuccess.org](mailto:meredith@tnsuccess.org), or mailed to Tristar Reads, P.O. Box 680231, Franklin, TN 37068.

## How often do students need to log their hours?

Students can choose to log their hours as often as they would like, but it is recommended that they log hours each time they finish a book so that they can keep track of their progress throughout the summer and ensure they are receiving the minutes they deserve. It would also be a good habit to keep the reading logs in a convenient location so that they can be accessible where students will be reading to facilitate quick logging of hours.

## Are there any Tristar Reads events planned this summer?

Tristar Reads will provide students and parents or caregivers with fun activities, guest readers, and more throughout the summer. Stay connected with Tristar Reads by reading our weekly newsletter and checking out Tennesseans for Student Success's social media pages @tnstudent! If you are reading at home or at the library, tweet at us with @TristarReads! We'll share the hashtag all summer long!

## Where do I find more information?

Visit [tristarreads.com](http://tristarreads.com) for all of our resources and information. You can also email our Outreach Manager, Meredith McGann at [meredith@tnsuccess.org](mailto:meredith@tnsuccess.org). We can't wait to have you read with us this summer!