

Fran Chandler's amateur tennis career began at Jackson Central-Merry High School in Jackson, Tennessee and took off when she finished as a runner up in the TSSAA State Singles Tournament in 1980. In college, Chandler played no. 1 in both singles and doubles at Murray State University posting a 52-6 singles record and being named Murray State's Female Athlete of the Year. Chandler transferred to the University of Mississippi after her sophomore year where she earned All-SEC honors in 1983 and 1984 and won the 1984 Ole Miss Female Athlete of the Year Award. On the senior circuit, Chandler won thirteen national singles championships and five national doubles championships, two ITF single and one ITF doubles championship achieving a no. 1 rank in the nation for seven years and in the top three for four years between 2001 and 2012. Chandler has represented the United States on the World Cup Team, winning three Margaret Court Cup titles. In 2008, Chandler was honored with the Slew Hester Adult Achievement Award as an outstanding tennis player.

Chandler served with numerous tennis organizations including the Tennessee Tennis Patrons Foundation, the Tennessee Tennis Association Board, Jackson Tennessee Tennis Board, and the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame Board.

A practicing pharmacist for over 33 years, Chandler resides in Jackson, Tennessee and still loves to play the game. She says her favorite tennis memory is winning the Equitable National Family Mixed Doubles Championships at the U.S. Open with her husband in 1987. Chandler also credits tennis with bringing her many wonderful friends.