



Thanks to generous donations and extensive fundraising efforts, the Pine Technical & Community College Foundation will be offering scholarships to Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) students for the 2015-2016 academic year. The PTCC Foundation has two different scholarship programs: Bridging the Dream Scholarship program and the Endowment Scholarship program. PTCC students can conveniently apply for all of the scholarships by completing one application. The Foundation Scholarship Application is attached.

Bridging the Dream Scholarship Program

Bridging the Dream is established and funded by the Pine Technical & Community College Foundation through donations and fundraising efforts. Full-time students (minimum of twelve (12) credits) are eligible for a scholarship in the amount \$1,250. Part-time students (minimum of 6 credits) are eligible for a \$500 scholarship.

Endowment Scholarship Program

The PTCC Foundation *Endowment Scholarship Program* was established and funded by the PTCC Foundation through donations and fundraising efforts. The following scholarships are made available through the endowment program:

Allied Health & HagE Scholarship: Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a new or returning PTCC full-time and Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to a new or returning part-time nursing students.

Foundation General Scholarships: Seven (7) \$1,000 general scholarships will be awarded to new or returning PTCC full-time or part-time students enrolled in any program.

Manufacturing Alliance Scholarships: Three (3) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to new or returning PTCC full-time students and two (2) \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a new or returning part-time students enrolled in a machining or manufacturing program.

Stearns Bank Scholarships: Three (3) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a new or returning PTCC full-time students and one (1) \$700 scholarship will be awarded to a new or returning part-time student. Students eligible for these scholarships would preferably qualify for a Pell Grant and be enrolled in business related coursework.



Scholarship Rules and Requirements

- Eligible applicants must be a new or returning PTCC student with a declared PTCC major or PTCC partnership program.
- Applicants must complete the attached application form in its entirety, including all essay questions and references. Completed applications must be submitted by **July 7, 2015**. *No Exceptions*.
- To qualify as full-time, a student must be registered for at least 12 credits for Fall Semester at the time of distribution.
- To qualify as part-time, a student must be registered for at least 6 credits, but no more than 11 credits for Fall Semester at the time of distribution.
- Students who receive a scholarship will be asked to send a thank you letter to one of the Foundation's donors. A letter with instructions and the donors name will be mailed to the student. You must have thank you letters returned to the President's Office by August 28, 2015. Recipients are also expected to attend a donor recognition event in 2015. Information on this event will be mailed later in the year.
- Actual distribution of funds will be made through the PTCC Business Services office, upon approval of Foundation Board. If you have a balance due on your PTCC student account, the scholarship will be credited to your account. If not, refunds will be distributed on September 4, 2015.
- A student only needs to submit one Foundation Application. In an effort to assist the most students, scholarships will be limited to one per student.

Scholarship Helpful Hints and Tips

- Take note of the July 7, 2015 deadline and allow adequate time to complete the PTCC Foundation Scholarship Application.
- Contact your references early to provide them with enough time to complete their section.
- Read the essay questions multiple times and take the time to organize your thoughts and ideas before you start writing.
- Be original. Write your essay with sincerity and from the heart.
- Give concrete examples when answering essay questions.
- Be sure to double check your essays for typos, correct grammar and punctuation.
- Re-read your essays to make sure that you are addressing all aspects of the essay question.
- *Have someone with strong writing and editing skills proofread your application prior to submission.*



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- The same application will be used for both Bridging the Dream and Endowment Scholarships. Applicants should only submit one (1) application.
- Remember to include two (2) references with your application. Use forms provided.
- Deadline to submit this application is *July 7, 2015*. No exceptions.
- Please complete the information and *turn completed applications into the Student Affairs office* or fax to 320-629-5101.

Student Information

We will use this information to contact you—be sure it is correct.

Last Name		First Name		Student ID (Leave Blank if Unknown)	
Address (this will be used to contact you)				Program Major	
City	State	Zip	County	() Phone Number	Email

Essay Questions

Please answer the questions below in a separate, typed document and attach to this scholarship application before submitting. Include your name at the top of the typed page.

- 1) What degree / program of study are you pursuing at Pine Technical & Community College and how does your PTCC degree fit into intermediate and long-term goals?
- 2) In your opinion, what is the importance of your degree / program of study in today's society?
- 3) What are some challenges to attending college and what are you doing to overcome these to attain your goals?
- 4) BTD and Endowment scholarships wouldn't be available if not for the generous donation of time and money from individuals and businesses. Please explain what you have done, or plan to do, to make your community a better place to live. Give examples of specific projects.

I do ___ do not ___ authorize PTCC to release information announcing my scholarship for publicity purposes.

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I will abide by the conditions set forth previously upon acceptance of this scholarship.

Student Signature

Date



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