

Pine County College Initiative Scholarship

The Pine County College Initiative scholarship provides two years of free tuition and up to a \$1,000 scholarship for books, tools, and supplies for students from eligible high schools beginning the semester following the receipt of their high school diploma. Scholarship funds will cover any remaining tuition and fees after the student's Federal Pell grant and Minnesota state grant funds have been applied to the student's account.

Funding

- 2 years of tuition and fees after the student's Federal Pell grant and Minnesota state grant funds have been applied to the student's account
- Up to \$1,000 in funds for books, tools, and supplies

Eligible High Schools

- East Central High School
- Harvest Christian High School
- Hinckley-Finlayson High School
- Willow River High School (Pine County residents, only)
- Home school students within Pine County.

Eligible Programs

All, with the exception of Liberal Arts (AA), and Psychology Transfer Pathway

Applying for the Scholarship

Students interested in applying for Frandsen Family Foundation Scholarship must complete the following items:

1. Apply to Pine Technical and Community College
2. Complete the scholarship application
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Scholarship Requirements

First Year

1. Enroll full time (minimum 12 credits per semester) in a certificate, diploma, or associate degree program (AA not eligible) in the semester immediately following the receipt of high school diploma.
2. Register for and successfully complete the 2 credit CCPD 1010 Success Strategies for College and Career Development course
3. Meet with a scholarship advisor at least one time per semester
4. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements (2.0 GPA, 67% completion rate)

Second Year

The scholarship will be renewed for the second academic year if the student has met the following conditions:

1. Successfully completed 24 credits during the previous academic year
2. Maintained Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements at the end of the previous academic year (2.0 GPA, 67% completion rate)
3. Met with a scholarship advisor at least once each semester
4. Successfully completed Success Strategies for College and Career Development
5. Submitted the FAFSA for second year

Tools and Textbook Scholarships: Usage Guide (For Students)

With your scholarship you are eligible for up to \$1,000 in funds for textbooks, tools, or supplies. You must complete the FAFSA to be eligible to use this scholarship. Your scholarship will cover any remaining tuition and fees after your Federal Pell Grant and MN/WI State grant have been applied to your account. Any remaining tools and textbook scholarship balance can be used the following semester.

Textbook purchases

- Purchase textbooks from PTCC Campus Store using a financial aid voucher (non-PTCC Campus Store textbook purchases are not eligible for scholarship funding)
- Financial aid vouchers will be available one week prior to the first day of classes through the first week of the semester.
- What to bring to the campus store
 - Photo ID
 - Printed course schedule from e-services
 - Student ID number

Tool and supply purchases

- Review tool list (contact program advisor or student affairs for the tool list)
- Get detailed quote of tools/supplies to purchase that must include the following information:
 - Student name
 - Sales tax
- Bring quote to Business Services
- Process is available the first two weeks of the semester.

Currently approved vendors

- NAPA – Josh Mohr, Pine City, MN – 320-629-2527
- SnapOn – Dan Nelson – 612-202-4890
- MATCO Tools – Chris Strenge – 763-370-7296
- Oxygen Service Co. – Troy Rapaway – 320-267-0756

If you would like to use a vendor not listed or have additional questions, contact PTCC Business Services at 320-629-5182.

Pine County College Initiative Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Class of 2022 high school graduates from East Central, Hinckley-Finlayson, and Willow River High Schools.

Q: Are home school students eligible for the scholarship?

A: Potentially. Students should live within an eligible school district service area. Students should reach out to the PTCC Foundation to confirm eligibility.

Q: How much does the scholarship cover?

A: This scholarship will cover any remaining tuition and fees after the student's Federal Pell Grant and MN State Grant have been applied, and up to a \$1,000 scholarship for books, tools, and supplies will be available. (See *Materials and Supplies Scholarship Usage Guide* for details.)

Q: How long can I use the scholarship?

A: A maximum of two years. A student must maintain eligibility requirements to use the scholarship for the entire duration.

Q: What are the eligibility requirements?

A: Student must:

1. Apply and be enrolled in a career and technical education certificate, diploma, or associate degree at Pine Technical and Community College, beginning in the semester following receipt of a high school diploma. AA degree-seeking students, and Psychology Transfer Pathways students, are not eligible for this scholarship.
2. Complete the scholarship application
3. Complete the FAFSA application annually, prior to the start each fall semester.
4. Successfully complete a minimum of 12 credits per semester during the academic year
5. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements (2.0 GPA and 67% completion rate)
6. Meet with the scholarship advisor each semester
7. Successfully complete the CCPD 1010 Success Strategies for College and Career Development course

Q: Will I graduate after two years by taking the minimum 24 credits per year?

A: It depends on the certificate, diploma, or degree a student declares. Some degrees are 60-70 credits and will have additional program requirements to follow. Keep in mind that if your degree requires more than 48 credits to be completed, you will need to enroll in more than 12 credits per semester to complete in 4 semesters.

Q: I took a college course in high school. Can I get credit for it here?

A: Many college courses taken in high school will transfer. It will depend on what class and what program major a student has declared to determine if it meets a program requirement. Contact Molly McCann Transfer Specialist at mollyann.mccann@pine.edu for specific transfer questions.

Q: Who is my student success advisor and how do I contact them?

A: Santhi Sheehan, Student Success Advisor. santhi.sheehan@pine.edu or 320-629-4541 (text or call)

Q: What if I do not meet with my scholarship advisor?

A: You will not be eligible for the scholarship the following semester.

Q: What if I do not pass Success Strategies for College and Career Development, which is a requirement of the scholarship?

A: You will be required to retake the course. This course is designed to assist students in exploring and developing the academic skills necessary to succeed in college as self-directed, life-long learners, as well as the personal skills to manage their college life and set them up for success in their future careers. Students will be introduced to college and community resources and tools for academic success, including skills in stress management, financial literacy, critical thinking, and creative problem solving.

Q: What if I do not meet the GPA requirement?

A: You will be at risk of losing eligibility to receive the scholarship the following semester and must meet with your assigned scholarship advisor to determine appropriate next steps.

Q: Can I use the Tools and Textbooks Scholarship to purchase a laptop?

A: Yes, if a laptop is a requirement of the program. Tools and textbooks funds must be spent in accordance with the *Tools and Textbook Scholarships: Usage Guide*.

Q: Can I take courses in the summer?

A: Yes, students can take courses during one summer semester, with no minimum credit requirement.