

Potential Funding Sources for PTCC Accelerated Early Childhood Development (AECD) and Early Childhood Development (ECD) program.

All current and prospective PTCC AECD/ECD students may be eligible for financial aid and grants to fund their educational program. Most funding sources require the completion of the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or must meet certain eligibility requirements to qualify. Current and prospective students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA, any applicable scholarships, and grant applications early to ensure funding availability, before the start of the course.

For FAFSA completion support, please check out PTCC's FAFSA Fridays (*Fridays in RM. 31 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM*) event or contact Financial.Aid@pine.edu for assistance.

Funding Sources	Available Funds	Additional Information
FAFSA Application—Federal Student Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PELL Grant Funds • Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Funds • Federal Work Study Program • Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans • Direct PLUS Loans 	To complete the FAFSA, you will need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Social Security Number • Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen). • Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. • Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable). • Records of untaxed income (if applicable). • An FSA ID to sign electronically. (If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information from your parent(s).
Minnesota State Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants • Future Together Grant • Minnesota Work Study Program 	State grants help students from low- and moderate-income families pay for educational expenses at eligible Minnesota colleges or universities. There is no charge for applying to the MN State Grant program.

		<p>Students can apply for a State Grant by completing the FAFSA.</p> <p><i>Undocumented students can apply for the Minnesota State Grant by completing the MN Dream Act Application.</i></p>
<p>T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Minnesota Scholarship Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship—A Program of Child Care Aware of Minnesota 	<p>Early Childhood or School-Age Care Educator Scholarship</p> <p>Family childcare providers, center-based staff, or school-age care staff can receive funding to take classes to earn college credit or an associate or bachelor’s degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education at an accredited Minnesota college or university. T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships cover 85% of the cost of tuition and books for up to 18 credits per year. Recipients also receive a travel stipend and release time.</p>
<p>Child Care Aware of Minnesota</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower to Educate • REETAIN Bonuses • Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ • Child Care Services Grants 	<p>Child Care Aware of Minnesota is a statewide early childhood leader driving change through partnerships to build an equitable, high-quality early care and education system that meets the needs of Minnesota’s families and children. Check out their different grant opportunities at childcareawaremn.org.</p>
<p>Parent Aware of Minnesota</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Aware Grants 	<p>The Parent Aware program for Licensed Early Childhood Programs offers financial benefits that can include professional Development. There are grants for each star level attained. Providers will work with their Quality Coach to determine future goals which can include Higher Education courses depending on the timing of the grants and classes. For more information Providers should reach out to their current Parent Aware Coach or if they are</p>

		interested in Participating in Parent Aware they can reach out to their local recruiter for more information.
Veteran Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Affairs (VA) Education and Training Benefits • Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) 	<p>VA education benefits help Veterans, service members, and their qualified family members with needs like paying college tuition, finding the right school or training programs, and getting career counseling.</p> <p>MDVA: The Minnesota GI Bill assists eligible Minnesota Veterans, currently serving military, National Guard, and Reserve members who served after September 11, 2001, and eligible spouses and children. The Program provides a maximum benefit of \$10,000.</p>
Northland Foundation Grants/Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Scholarships 	<p>Northland Foundation Scholarships are available to accepted students pursuing their AECD/ECD credentials at PTCC who reside in eligible Minnesota counties (up to \$500). Funds are allocated after applicable federal and state funds are applied to enrolled students. Students must be in good academic and financial aid standing to qualify.</p> <p>Students will be notified via pine.edu email approximately 3-4 weeks after the start of the course if they qualify for the Northland Foundation.</p>
Initiative Foundations Grants/Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Scholarships 	<p>Initiative Foundations Grants/Scholarships are available to accepted students pursuing their AECD/ECD credentials at PTCC who reside in eligible Minnesota counties.</p> <p>Grants/Scholarships vary based on need. Funds are allocated after applicable federal and state funds are applied to enrolled</p>

		<p>students. Students must be in good academic and financial aid standing to qualify.</p> <p>Students will be notified via pine.edu email approximately 3-4 weeks after the start of the course if they qualify for the Initiative Foundation.</p>
PTCC Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development • Pine County College Initiative • Frandsen Family Foundation • Kick Start • Bridging the Dream 	<p>PTCC offers a wide array of scholarships available to students. All scholarships require the completion of the FAFSA or the MN State Grant application. Funds vary depending on scholarship eligibility and requirements. All applicable students must apply before the deadlines to qualify.</p>
Private Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnesota SELF Loans • Other Private Loans 	<p>The SELF Loan is a long-term, low-interest student loan that is administered by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE), a state agency. The interest rates may be lower than private loans and some federal loans. The SELF Loan is serviced by Firstmark Services and is NOT a Federal. Interested students may apply directly through OHE.</p> <p>Other private loans are available in the market. To learn more about private loans, click HERE.</p>
Self-Pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTCC Payment Plans 	<p>PTCC works with Nelnet to provide our students and/or their families with a payment plan option. The payment plan can be accessed within E-Services, under Bills and Payments.</p> <p>You may enroll in a payment plan with Nelnet, a third-party organization, and stagger your tuition payments for a more manageable payment arrangement over the course of a term.</p>

