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PTC waives application fees in honor of National College Application Week

PINE CITY, Minn. – In recognition of National College Application Week, PTC will waive the \$20 application fee Nov. 14 through Nov. 18. Nearly all [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities](#) are participating in the weeklong push to encourage those thinking about starting or going back to college to apply by waiving application fees.

“This is a golden opportunity for those thinking about college who need that final nudge of encouragement to apply and find out that college really is possible,” says Nancy Mach, Dean of Student Affairs. “College Application Week also provides an opportunity for our applicants to discover financial aid, grants and scholarships are available to assist with tuition and other costs associated with college,” Mach adds.

National College Application Week is part of a national initiative brought forward by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO). The weeklong event urges high schools and postsecondary institutions to collaborate in a concentrated effort to engage and inform underrepresented (first-generation college students, students of color, and low-income) students about the college application process. The first year for such an event in Minnesota, 17 high schools across the state are serving as pilot sites, including one in PTC’s service area – Rush City High School.

One goal of the initiative at high school sites is to increase the number of students completing a college application with a special focus on first-generation applicants. The pilot high schools have been asked to coordinate and dedicate time during the regular school day to have students complete a college application with the assistance of trained school staff and volunteers.

“College Application Week sends the message that college is possible for every student,” says President Robert Musgrove, Ph.D. “It is our hope that high school students in our service area will plan for college because we make it possible, and we’re prepared to fit their needs and goals,” Musgrove explains.

Pine Technical College, established in 1965 and accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](#), serves more than 1,200 students and awards certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. PTC’s notable programs include accounting, American Sign Language, automotive technology, business administration, business technology, computer programming, computer science, early childhood development,

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Pine Technical College

gunsmithing technology, network administration, practical nursing, precision manufacturing/machining (CNC), public welfare financial worker, and many more.

PTC is a proud member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, which is comprised of 32 state universities and community and technical colleges serving the higher education needs of Minnesota. The system serves about 277,000 students per year in credit-based courses and an additional 157,000 students in noncredit courses. PTC is accepting applications for new students in all programs; spring courses will start Jan. 9. For more information, call 320-629-5100.

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