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### **Pine Technical College gunsmithing student Christian Kolling wins scholarship**

PINE CITY, Minn. – Pine Technical College and East Central Energy have partnered again in 2009 to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a PTC student. ECE has offered the scholarship program to students in its service area since 1988, and PTC students have consistently won the scholarship year after year.

This year's recipient, Christian Kolling, is a student enrolled in the Pine Technical College gunsmithing program.

"This scholarship is really going to help me out. I am very happy to receive it," Kolling said. "I am thankful to ECE for the scholarship and Pine Technical College for the opportunity to pursue my diploma in gunsmithing," Kolling added.

ECE will be awarding a total of \$60,000 in scholarships this year, and to date, the cooperative has awarded scholarships totaling near \$500,000.

"These scholarships are available as the result of Capital Credits, which have remained unclaimed after several attempts to locate past members of the cooperative," said Jennifer Veeseer, ECE Communications and Marketing Manager. "ECE is excited to be able to use this money for something as valuable as education," Veeseer added.

Kolling and other scholarship winners must meet certain requirements, and winners are selected based on several criteria including prior academic achievement, community service and involvement and financial need. Additionally, the winners must be ECE members or a son or daughter of an ECE member.

Kolling and his family reside in Pine City and are active in the community. A member of the Pine Technical College Shooter's Association and the association's Director of Advertising, Kolling also coaches his daughter's junior high school basketball team at Pine City Schools.

Pine Technical College is proud to partner with ECE to bring this welcome scholarship to so many PTC students over the years. East Central Energy [www.eastcentralenergy.com](http://www.eastcentralenergy.com) is a member-owned electric cooperative that provides electricity, high-speed Internet and long distance services, as well as community and business development and environmental services.

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