

Free Application Opportunities at Minnesota Colleges and Universities (2024-2025)

As Minnesota high school students think about applying to college, application fees should not be a barrier. There are many opportunities for students to apply to Minnesota institutions for free.

FREE APPLICATIONS ALL YEAR

Institutions below do not charge application fees throughout the year.

4-YEAR PRIVATE COLLEGES

Augsburg University Bethany Lutheran College Bethel University Carleton College

College of Saint Benedict College of St. Scholastica

Concordia College, Moorhead

Concordia University, St. Paul

Gustavus Adolphus College

Hamline University Macalester College Saint John's University

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

St. Catherine University

St. Olaf College

University of Northwestern—St. Paul

University of St. Thomas

4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Metropolitan State University St. Cloud State University

2-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES

Anoka Technical College

Anoka-Ramsey Community College

Central Lakes College

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

Lake Superior College

Minnesota State Community & Technical College

Minnesota State College Southeast

Minnesota West Community & Technical College

Normandale Community College

Northland Community & Technical College

Pine Technical & Community College

Ridgewater College

Riverland Community College

Rochester Community & Technical College

Saint Paul College South Central College

FREE APPLICATIONS DURING COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH (OCTOBER 1-31)*

Some institutions use promo codes, noted by [] below.

PRIVATE COLLEGES

Dunwoody College of Technology
Minneapolis College of Art and Design [MCW2025]

4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Bemidji State University
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Southwest Minnesota State University
University of Minnesota, Crookston
University of Minnesota, Morris [Morris24]
University of Minnesota, Rochester
Winona State University

2-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES

Alexandria Community & Technical College
Century College
Dakota County Technical College
Hennepin Technical College [MSM24]
Inver Hills Community College
Minneapolis College
Minnesota North College
North Hennepin Community College [MSM24]
Northwest Technical College
St. Cloud Technical and Community College

*ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MAY APPLY TO THESE MINNESOTA COLLEGES FOR FREE ALL YEAR (BEYOND OCTOBER). This includes all of the colleges listed above, with the addition of the **U of M campuses in the Twin Cities and Duluth**. High school counselors and college admission staff can help a student complete the fee waiver or self-report during the application process to waive fees.