



Free Application Opportunities at Minnesota Colleges and Universities (2025-2026)

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

Bemidji State University
Metropolitan State University
St. Cloud State University

2-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES

Anoka Technical College
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Central Lakes College
Century 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
Northwest Technical College
Pine Technical & Community College
Ridgewater College
Riverland Community College
Rochester Community & Technical College
Saint Paul College
South Central College
St. Cloud Technical and Community 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 [MCW2026]

4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Southwest Minnesota State University
University of Minnesota, Crookston
University of Minnesota, Morris [Morris26]

University of Minnesota, Rochester
Winona State University

2-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES

Alexandria Community & Technical College
Dakota County Technical College
Hennepin Technical College [MSM25]
Inver Hills Community College
Minneapolis College
Minnesota North College
North Hennepin Community College [MSM25]

***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.