

# Free Application Opportunities at Minnesota Colleges and Universities

## Updated for 2016-17

**As Minnesota high school students think about applying to college, application fees should not be a barrier.** Some Minnesota colleges do not charge application fees or they don't charge fees at a certain time. And for students from lower-income families, all colleges offer a fee waiver.

### For students from low-income families

Every day of the year, students from families with modest incomes can apply at no charge using a NACAC fee waiver at the University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the nonprofit colleges that are members of the Minnesota Private College Council. High school counselors and college admission staff can help a student make these arrangements. Eligibility information and the fee waiver form is available at <http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/feewaiver>.

### For all students

There are many opportunities for students to apply at no charge at some institutions.

- Some colleges never require an application fee; sometimes this offer is limited to applications submitted online.
- Some colleges waive the application fee for the month of October.
- Some colleges waive the application fee for one week in late October.

**Refer to the list below and on the following pages for the ways students can apply without a fee to earn a bachelor's or associate degree at Minnesota's postsecondary institutions.**

### Schools that accept the NACAC Fee Waiver - FREE to QUALIFIED STUDENTS ALL YEAR

#### Private Colleges

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THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
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HAMLINE UNIVERSITY [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
MACALESTER COLLEGE [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)  
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**University of Minnesota Campuses**

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MORRIS [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)

ROCHESTER [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)

TWIN CITIES [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)

**Minnesota State Colleges & Universities (MnSCU)**

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## Schools that never charge a fee – FREE TO ALL STUDENTS ALL YEAR

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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA — Winona campus [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#)

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## Schools that will not charge a fee for ONLINE applications submitted by Nov. 15 – FREE TO ALL STUDENTS

### Private Colleges

MACALESTER COLLEGE [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#) > Fee waiver is granted when either Macalester's Part 1 or the Common Application is submitted prior to November 15.

## Schools that will not charge a fee during CKM – FREE TO ALL STUDENTS IN OCTOBER 2016

### Private Colleges

MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#) > use code MCW2017

### University of Minnesota Campuses

CROOKSTON [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#) > Athletes will be excluded from this option, per NCAA II regulations

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FOND DU LAC TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE [Homepage](#) | [Admissions](#) (Use Promo Code CKM2016)

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**Schools that will not charge a fee during last week of CKM – FREE TO ALL STUDENTS OCTOBER 24-31, 2016**

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