

U.S. Department of Labor HOPES Scholarship Application

The **HOPES (Healthcare Occupations Providing Economic Stimulus) Scholarship** is supported through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor with ARRA funding.

Applicant Criteria:

- Student must be a new or returning student at Pine Technical College (PTC) and/or Anoka-Ramsey Community College's Cambridge Campus (ARCC) *and*
- Have a stated major in healthcare or take courses within the healthcare field and
- Use these funds only for tuition, fees, and books *and*
- Apply by completing this application form in its entirety (demographic information will be used for required federal reporting purposes only) *and*
- Sign the application. The applicant's signature implies agreement to all stipulations of the scholarship.

If there are more eligible applicants than funds available, the following will assist the scholarship committee in determining awards:

- Applicant's eligibility for other forms of financial aid.
- Applicant's ability to communicate career goals and how the scholarship will assist in attaining them.
- The completeness and readability of the application.
- Program of study. Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) students and 2nd year nursing students will be considered targeted program areas for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Number of semesters the student has received a HOPES scholarship.
- Students receiving HOPES funding must make satisfactory progress (as defined by their academic program) in order to be eligible for funding in subsequent semesters.

Scholarship Award and Distribution:

- Notice of award will be sent to recipients.
- In order to receive the scholarship dollars, the recipient must provide the scholarship committee with copies of his/her student account bill and class registration.
- Actual distribution of funds will be made through the PTC or ARCC Business Office upon receipt of these documents and approval by HOPES grant staff.
- While any prospective student may apply, funds will be awarded only to those actually enrolled for PTC or ARCC coursework within healthcare programs.
- Scholarship funds may only cover tuition, fees, books, and other required supplies (such as uniforms, stethoscopes, etc.) up to \$2,000 per semester for full-time students and \$1,000 per semester for part-time students. Therefore, if you are a full-time student at the time of the award and drop to part-time, your scholarship will be reduced to a part-time award. "Full-time" will be defined as 12 or more credits unless otherwise defined by your program.
- Students must re-apply each semester.

Application Procedure

If you meet the above criteria, please fill out the information below and submit it to Stefanie Schroeder at Pine Technical College person, by mail (address below) or via fax 320-629-5101. Applications must be complete, signed, and submitted on or before the stated deadline date of Wednesday, August 4, 2010 for fall 2010. No exceptions.

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STUDENT Consent for Release of Information

I, _____, authorize Pine Technical College, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, and the U.S. Dept. of Labor/HOPES Grant to share information about my application in order to:

(student name)

- ___ Verify enrollment status and pay expenses related to tuition, books and fees expenses.
- ___ Verify information on participant’s application pertaining to educational goals & status.
- ___ Report individual and/or group progress made by participants receiving HOPES funding.
- ___ Any other information that needs to be shared for compliance with federal reporting regulations.

I have been informed of the intended purpose of the use of the information. I have also been informed that this information provided by the above named individual, organization, or agency will not be further released without my consent except that which pertains to the State or Federal regulations that govern activities of Pine Technical College and Anoka-Ramsey Community College. This information will be stored in a secure file at Pine Technical College.

I understand that HOPES, Pine Technical, and/or Anoka-Ramsey Community College Staff may contact me after program completion to comply with Dept. of Labor (DOL) reporting mandates. Information may include my income and employment status as related to using DOL funds. I have been informed of the meaning of this release and that my signature on it amounts to a waiver of any claim I might assert against any individual, organization, Pine Technical College, and/or Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

I understand that I may revoke this consent upon written notice and that this consent will automatically expire within two years after the date of signature.

I ___ do ___ do not authorize PTC to release information announcing my scholarship for publicity purposes.

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I will abide by the conditions set forth previously upon acceptance of this scholarship.

Student Signature Date

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Action of Scholarship Committee: Approved Denied

Signature _____ Date _____

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