

Austin High School / October 2024

# CAREER PATHWAYS NEWSLETTER

## College Knowledge Month



AGRICULTURE,  
FOOD, & NATURAL  
RESOURCES



BUSINESS



ENGINEERING,  
MANUFACTURING,  
& TECHNOLOGY



EDUCATION, HEALTH  
SCIENCES, & HUMAN  
SERVICES



ARTS &  
COMMUNICATION



### Minnesota Works!

November 8, 2024

This career exploration event explores high skill, high paying jobs critical to Minnesota's economic future. Sessions included are: Agriculture, Energy, Engineering, Healthcare, IT Manufacturing, Transportation. Check your email soon for additional information and to sign up.

### UPCOMING DATES:

10/9/24 - Direct Admissions Assembly  
10/10/24 - College Fair in the Commons (1:00 - 3:00)  
10/15 Grand Canyon University Visit in Career Center 9:30  
10/22 Accuplacer Testing  
10/25/24 - UMD Rep in Career Center (10:00 - 10:30)  
10/29/24 - ASVAB Testing  
10/31 Direct Admissions Surveys Due  
11/8/2024 Minnesota Works: Exploring Tech and Trades  
11/13/24 - Hamline University (1:00 - 1:30)

### What is Direct Admissions??

We believe all students are college ready! Wednesday October 9 we will be having our Direct Admissions assembly to celebrate this accomplishment with our seniors who are on track for graduation.

Watch this video to learn more!



**INTRODUCING DIRECT ADMISSIONS**  
INFORMATION FOR RISING SENIORS

**WHAT TO EXPECT**  
Direct Admissions is here to offer you a look at the many postsecondary possibilities that await you. This fall, you will be notified of multiple Minnesota colleges and universities that are offering you Direct Admission to attend their institution in fall 2025.

**REVIEW YOUR LETTER**  
You will review your personalized letter that lists the colleges and universities that are offering you Direct Admission. You will receive both a digital and hard copy letter.

**SELECT YOUR INSTITUTIONS**  
In your digital letter, select which colleges and universities you would like to receive Direct Admission to. Submit the letter back to your high school, then complete the application portal.

**YOUR NEXT STEPS**  
Depending on the colleges and universities selected, you will receive your official acceptance letters! In some cases, institutions will request more information, so watch your email inbox for next steps!

**YOU ARE COLLEGE MATERIAL**  
No more wondering, "Will I get in?"  
With Direct Admissions, you are proactively notified of which participating colleges and universities you are accepted to - before you even apply!

Learn more at [www.ohs.state.mn.us/directadmissions](http://www.ohs.state.mn.us/directadmissions)



**Direct Admissions Minnesota**

**Your higher education journey starts with Direct Admissions**  
The Direct Admissions program is designed to make sure you know that you have multiple college options in the state. With Direct Admissions, you no longer have to wonder "will I get in?" because you will be proactively notified of which participating colleges and universities you are accepted to - before you even apply! This fall, you will receive a letter that lists the participating colleges and universities that are ready to admit you based on your academic records. This communication will outline your next steps, so you can secure admission to the right school for you.

**Our goal:**  
We want all Minnesota graduating seniors to know that you have multiple college options in the state! Whether you want to attend a four-year university, two-year community college, trade school or technical college, there are many short-term and long-term postsecondary possibilities participating in Direct Admissions.

**Student Checklist:**  
To take full advantage of the Direct Admissions program, use the checklist to stay on track!

**OCTOBER OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR**

**Receive and review your Direct Admissions communication:** Be ready! You will receive a hard copy and digital copy of your Direct Admissions letter, which will list all the colleges that you are receiving Direct Admission to.

**Select your institutions:** In your digital letter, select which colleges and universities you would like to receive Direct Admission to. Submit the letter back to your high school, then complete the application portal. Depending on the institutions selected, you will receive your official acceptance letters! Some institutions will request more information, so watch your email inbox for next steps.

**FALL TO SPRING OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR**

**Explore your options:** Determine the best fit for you! Visit [MyHigherEd.mn.gov](http://MyHigherEd.mn.gov) and use the college search tool to compare your choices according to college profiles, program options, institution size, tuition and much more.

**Complete FAFSA and explore financial aid options:** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the most important step that you can take to pay for college. Maximize your chances to receive grants, scholarships, and other financial aid. You can also connect with your school counselor to ensure you are on track for graduation and identify school scholarships and grants to apply for.

**Make your final decision:** Commit to your next steps! After considering all your options, you should confirm your fall enrollment with your desired college.

**Direct Admissions AT A GLANCE**  
"Direct Admissions" means a student has gained conditional or guaranteed admission to a college or university, depending on the institution.  
Students must complete the college's application (fee waived) and submit additional information to officially confirm their admission to the colleges of their choice.

**Participating Institutions**

- 120+ participating high schools
- 23,000+ participating seniors
- 55+ colleges and universities - includes technical schools, tribal colleges, community colleges, four-year public and private universities

Scan the QR code for more information:





# PATHWAY INFORMATION

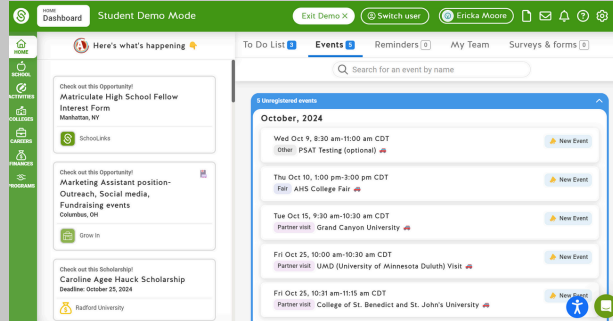
CAREER PATHWAYS  
EXPLORATION

## SCHOOLINKS TIP OF THE MONTH



SchoolLinks

Log into your SchoolLinks account and click on Events to find out about all the upcoming college and career readiness events at AHS. Most are first come, first serve!



## ROCHESTER STEAM SUMMIT

Stop by the Career Center next week for a registration form for the 2024 STEAM Summit in Rochester

Austin will be attending on November 12 from 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Learn about a variety of STEAM Careers and visit with a wealth of representatives from Mayo Clinic about careers in their institution.

## AHS COLLEGE FAIR

This is your chance to speak informally with representatives from a variety of colleges right here in the AHS Commons!

✓ Open to all students 9 - 12

Explore your options and start planning your future. We look forward to seeing you there!

Representatives attending include:

Riverland, MSU Mankato, Winona State, U of M Twin Cities, Luther, RCTC, Gustavus, St. Mary's, NIACC, U of M Rochester all branches of the military, and more!

Do the Scavenger Hunt and you might win a pizza!

Thursday  
October  
10  
1:00 - 3:00



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO





# OCTOBER 2024

college knowledge month



Taking time to figure out what you want to do after high school is a self exploration process. You may be exploring careers or searching for a specific educational program. Or, you might be ready to apply for admission and learn about ways to pay for college. Use this calendar to help explore your options, and plan ahead for what comes next.

Minnesota Goes to College is organized and supported by a steering committee of K12, higher education and nonprofit partners, including: MN Department of Education, MN Office of Higher Education, MN Private College Council, Minnesota State, U of M-Twin Cities, MN Association for College Admission Counseling (MACAC), MN Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MAFAA), AVID and ECMC The College Place.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FINANCIAL AID FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Join us this month for free Zoom sessions for students/families to help prepare for the college-going process! Tuesdays @ 7 p.m. Interpreters available. Scholarship opportunity included. Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/RSFAFSA">bit.ly/RSFAFSA</a>		1 Talk to your school counselor! They are a great resource for all things college and career related. <a href="https://bit.ly/ApplytoCollege">7pm: Apply to College</a>	2 Check colleges' applications requirements and deadlines.	3 Use the Graduate Employment Outcomes Tool to see estimated wages based on major and college type. Go to <a href="https://bit.ly/1JobData">bit.ly/1JobData</a>	4 Start researching college costs where you are hoping to apply.	5 Think about your academic and personal goals. Take or review an interest assessment. <a href="https://sat.collegeboard.org">sat.collegeboard.org</a> <b>SAT Test Date</b>
6 Explore websites for colleges and careers that interest you. Here's one: <a href="https://myhighered.mn.gov">myhighered.mn.gov</a>	7 Schedule virtual appointments with college representatives.	8 Prepare your resume and request letters of recommendation. <a href="https://bit.ly/UnderstandFinAid">7pm: Understand Fin. Aid</a>	9 Try these tools to keep you organized during the application process: <a href="https://bit.ly/37LyCzQ">bit.ly/37LyCzQ</a>	10 Going to a community or technical college? Schedule your ACCUPLACER exam!	11 It is never too early to start researching scholarships! Here are some great resources: <a href="https://bit.ly/45gEQQ5">bit.ly/45gEQQ5</a>	12 Considering a career in the military? The ASVAB test helps reveal career strengths for prospective Soldiers. <a href="https://bit.ly/ASVABcareers">bit.ly/ASVABcareers</a>
13 Over 50 Minnesota campuses don't charge application fees during October and many campuses are free to apply all year! Find out where at <a href="https://bit.ly/46dEc3">bit.ly/46dEc3</a> . Eligible students can request a fee waiver from any campus.	14	15 Start drafting your personal statement. <a href="https://bit.ly/CreateyourFSAID">7pm: Create your FSA ID</a>	16 Review your academic record. Order official transcripts by following your school guidelines.	17 <b>MEA Break!</b>	18	19 Register for the National College Fair in Mpls next week: <a href="https://necacattend.org/fairs">necacattend.org/fairs</a>
20 Have someone proofread your essay or personal statement.	21 Talk to your parents or guardian(s) about your plans.	22 <b>NACAC National College Fair</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/ScholarshipSearch">7pm: Scholarship Search</a>	23	24 Double-check each college's application requirements.	25 Set a reminder for December 2024 to submit your FAFSA <a href="https://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a>	26 Complete and submit applications. <a href="https://actstudent.org">actstudent.org</a> <b>ACT Test Date</b>
27 Didn't finish all your applications? Set deadlines to keep yourself on track!	28 Send thank you notes to teachers and others who helped you.	29 <b>YOU GOT THIS!</b>	30 Do a social media check. Make sure your online presence reflects the image you project in your college applications.	31 Pay close attention to your email for important communications from colleges.		

Access more planning resources on the Minnesota Goes to College website [bit.ly/mngoestocollege](https://bit.ly/mngoestocollege)



**How to order transcripts through SchoolLinks**



SchoolLinks

**SENIORS**  
Check your email for information about using the College Application Manager in SchoolLinks

**Join us**  
for virtual financial aid events! Free for MN students and families. \$1,000 scholarship and interpreters\* available!

**Ready, Set, FAFSA!**

**SESSION DATES/TIMES:**

10/01/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Apply to College

10/08/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Understand Financial Aid

10/15/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Create your FSA ID

10/22/2024 @ 7:00 p.m | Search for Scholarships

\* Interpreters available in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali.

**SIGN UP NOW!**



<https://bit.ly/MNFAFSA>

Space is limited; register now!








# High School Planning Checklist

## For 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

### EXPLORE

#### ✓ Explore colleges and careers.

- ☐ Talk about your future dreams and plans with your family, friends and other adults and set goals.
- ☐ Ask others about their careers and the education/training necessary.
- ☐ Think about what is most important to you in a college.
- ☐ Visit a college campus on a field trip with your school or your family.
- ☐ Explore colleges online.

#### ✓ Learn about paying for college.

- ☐ Learn about financial aid and attend workshops with your family.
- ☐ Set up and regularly contribute to a college savings account.
- ☐ Search for local scholarships that you can apply for.

### PLAN

#### ✓ Do well in school.

- ☐ Set goals for the year.
- ☐ Go to all of your classes.
- ☐ Discover how you learn best.
- ☐ Learn how to make outlines and do research.
- ☐ Ask for help and use online resources.
- ☐ Turn in all assignments.
- ☐ Read-it makes you smarter!

#### ✓ Take challenging classes.

- ☐ Challenge yourself with honors or advanced classes.
- ☐ Explore ways to earn college credit while you're still in high school.
- ☐ Plan to take math all 4 years in high school.
- ☐ Take a foreign/world language course if offered.

### ENGAGE

#### ✓ Get involved.

- ☐ Try something new!
- ☐ Get involved in school and community activities.
- ☐ Volunteer in your community.
- ☐ Make a plan for summer.
- ☐ Find a mentor – a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, trusted adult or older student that you can talk to.

#### ✓ Make good choices.

- ☐ Choose to hang out with friends that share positive goals and interests.
- ☐ Be safe online and on your phone.
- ☐ Avoid risky behaviors like drinking, doing drugs, and having unprotected sex.
- ☐ Be kind; treat others with respect.

Follow @mngoestocollege on Facebook and Instagram for college and financial aid planning tips! Share your #whyapply story.

# High School Planning Checklist

## For 10<sup>th</sup> grade students

### EXPLORE

#### ✓ Explore colleges and careers.

- ☐ Explore different occupations that match your interests.
- ☐ Make a list of colleges that interest you. Confirm that they have the program or major that match your interests.
- ☐ Research admissions requirements.
- ☐ Take a virtual campus tour or visit a campus with
- ☐ Attend a nearby college fair.

#### ✓ Learn about paying for college.

- ☐ Learn about financial aid and attend workshops with your family.
- ☐ Explore the different costs and net prices of colleges.
- ☐ Set up and regularly contribute to a college savings account.
- ☐ Search for local scholarships that you can apply for.

### PLAN

#### ✓ Take challenging classes.

- ☐ Challenge yourself with honors or advanced classes.
- ☐ Explore ways to earn college credit while you're still in high school.
- ☐ Take a full schedule of classes.
- ☐ Set goals for the year.
- ☐ Attend all your classes and turn in all assignments.
- ☐ Ask for help and use online resources.

#### ✓ Practice good study skills.

- ☐ Use a planner or calendar.
- ☐ Get enough sleep.
- ☐ Update your file of important documents.
- ☐ Prepare for college admission tests by taking practice tests or the PSAT 10.

### ENGAGE

#### ✓ Get involved.

- ☐ Try something new!
- ☐ Get involved in school and community activities.
- ☐ Volunteer in your community.
- ☐ Make a plan for summer.
- ☐ Find a mentor – a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, other trusted adult or older student that you can talk to.

#### ✓ Make good choices.

- ☐ Choose to hang out with friends that share positive goals and interests.
- ☐ Be safe online and on your phone.
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- ☐ Be kind; treat others with respect.

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# High School Planning Checklist

## For 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

### EXPLORE

- ✓ Explore colleges and careers.
  - ☐ List 3-5 careers that interest you and the education you will need.
  - ☐ Review what is most important to you in a college; refine your list of colleges to 5-10.
  - ☐ Sign up to receive information from colleges.
  - ☐ Attend a college fair.
  - ☐ Draft a college admissions essay.
  - ☐ Participate in an information interview for a career you're interested in.
- ✓ Learn about paying for college.
  - ☐ Learn about financial aid and attend workshops.
  - ☐ Complete the FAFSA4Caster on the Federal Student Aid website.
  - ☐ Regularly contribute to a college savings account.
  - ☐ Search and apply for scholarships.

### PLAN

- ✓ Prepare for your senior year.
  - ☐ Review your transcript with your counselor and make sure you are on track for graduation.
  - ☐ Take dual credit courses.
  - ☐ Make a list of deadlines for your top colleges – include scholarship deadlines too.
  - ☐ Identify teachers whom you can request a letter of recommendations for college applications.
  - ☐ Register for and take the ACT or SAT in the fall; attend test prep courses if available.
- ✓ Stay organized.
  - ☐ Maintain a file of important documents, personal information, writing samples and awards.
  - ☐ Create a resume with a list of all your activities and accomplishments.
  - ☐ Use a professional email for school needs.

### ENGAGE

- ✓ Get involved.
  - ☐ Continue participating in school and community activities; be a leader!
  - ☐ Volunteer in your community.
  - ☐ Make a plan for summer; take summer enrichment courses or get a job.
  - ☐ Find a mentor – a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, other trusted adult or older student that you can talk to.
  - ☐ Be a role model and mentor for younger students.
- ✓ Make good choices.
  - ☐ Choose to hang out with friends that share positive goals and interests.
  - ☐ Be safe online and on your phone.
  - ☐ Avoid risky behaviors like drinking, doing drugs, and having unprotected sex.
  - ☐ Be kind; treat others with respect.

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# High School Planning Checklist

## For 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

### PLAN

- ✓ Stay organized and plan ahead.
  - ☐ Take the ACT or SAT if you haven't taken it or want to re-take it. Send test scores to colleges you plan to apply to.
  - ☐ Narrow your list of colleges: 3 to 5 is a good number. Always have a backup plan!
  - ☐ Finalize your personal statement or essay and draft a resume.
  - ☐ Request letters of recommendation and transcripts for your applications.
- ✓ Make a plan for paying for college.
  - ☐ Create a FSA ID and gather all the information you will need to apply for federal financial aid (FAFSA).
  - ☐ Explore financial aid and scholarships and make a list of deadlines and required materials.
  - ☐ Apply for as many scholarships as you can and stay on top of deadlines.

### APPLY

- ✓ Apply for college admission.
  - ☐ October is College Knowledge Month: many schools in Minnesota are waiving college application fees during October.
  - ☐ Make sure that your high school transcript, test scores, letters of recommendation and other supplemental materials are sent to colleges by their deadlines.
  - ☐ Check your email regularly – this will be the main way colleges will contact you.
- ✓ Apply for financial aid.
  - ☐ Submit your FAFSA, which is available October 1. Consider attending a hands-on workshop for completing the FAFSA.
  - ☐ Add all of the schools where you plan to apply to the FAFSA.
  - ☐ Make sure your Student Aid Report (SAR) is correct and make any changes.

### ENGAGE

- ✓ Get it done!
  - ☐ No slacking on grades! Many colleges and scholarship applications look at 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades.
  - ☐ Consider applying for a summer program at a university, or an internship or job in a field you're interested in.
  - ☐ Remember that many college orientations happen during the summer so include this in your plans.
  - ☐ If you are male, you must register with Selective Service within 30 days (before or after) your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you don't, you will not be eligible for federal financial aid for college.
  - ☐ Look for decision letters and financial aid award letters; keep track of next steps.
  - ☐ Make a decision! Pay attention to acceptance deadlines and completing appropriate forms.

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## 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.

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#### 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.

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#### PRIVATE COLLEGES

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

#### 4-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

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  
Dakota County Technical College  
Hennepin Technical College [MSM24]  
Inver Hills Community College  
Minneapolis College  
Minnesota North College  
North Hennepin Community College [MSM24]

**\*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.





# OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteer Remind Group

Join Ms. Carlson's Volunteer Opportunity Remind Group - TEXT @34kd64g to 81010 to get Ms. Carlson's texts about volunteer opportunities



Camp Enterprise

Camp Enterprise: Entrepreneurship. Leadership. Business Ethics.

**High School Juniors and Seniors**

**Teamwork, New Friends, Scholarships**

**IN-PERSON CAMP ENTERPRISE - Oct 31-Nov 2, 2024**

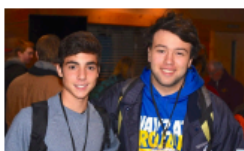
**True Friends - Camp Courage, Maple Lake MN**

CLUB AND STUDENT REGISTRATION TO OPEN MID-SUMMER 2024



Camp Enterprise is a three-day camp for high school juniors and seniors designed to introduce students to the free enterprise system and encourage entrepreneurship and ethical business practices. The experience is often life changing.

Each year, at least five (5) \$1,000 higher education scholarships are awarded to students of exceptional merit. In total, Camp Enterprise has awarded more than \$80,000 in scholarships since its inception.



Info & Registration



Volunteer at Camp

[www.campenterprise.org](http://www.campenterprise.org)

## COMING SOON

- Senior Brag Sheet completion
- FAFSA Information Night - Date TBD
- Scholarship Search & Essay Writing Workshop - November - Date TBD
- Austin Assurance Hours Checkup
- Check your email and the SchoolLinks Events tab for details and updates.
- College Rep Visits & Tours



THE HORMEL FOUNDATION

**Austin Assurance Scholarship**



Need help using Get Connected? Stop by the Career Center or see Taylor Flugge in the Counseling Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

[Click here to access Get Connected](#)



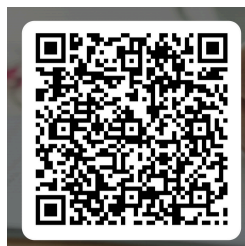
# TESTING INFORMATION



## ACCUPLACER 2024-25 Testing Dates:

11/19, 12/17, 1/14, 2/4, 4/8, 5/13

Sign up here

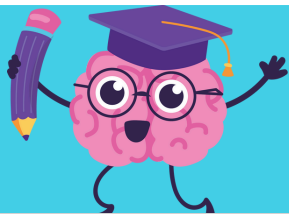


## ASVAB Testing dates are

10/29, 12/10, 1/28, 2/11, 4/1,

5/20. Sign up with the QR

Code



# OPPORTUNITIES

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FOUNDATION



**now**it.org

## Empowering Tomorrow's Tech Leaders Today

Are you a high school student passionate about technology and eager to learn more about the industry? The Minnesota Aspirations in Computing (MnAiC) program is your chance to gain recognition for your computing achievements, develop your skills, and immerse yourself in the tech industry.

**Program Overview:** The Minnesota Aspirations in Computing (MnAiC) program is dedicated to inspiring high school students in grades 9-12 who identify as women, trans women, genderqueer, or nonbinary. Each year, we honor over 70+ exceptional students at our spring Top-Tier and Rising Star ceremonies in collaboration with our corporate, community, and educational partners.

Our awards celebrate students' computing achievements, enthusiasm for technology, leadership, community involvement, and resilience. This recognition not only acknowledges their accomplishments but also fuels their ongoing engagement in STEM, enhances their confidence, and advances diversity in the tech industry.

## IMPACT

- 1400 students honored and supported since 2012
- 370 Top State Honorees
- 465 Rising Star Honorees
- 80 National Winners
- 122 Paid Summer Internships
- 260 Job Shadow Matches
- 151 Mentor Matches
- 28 College Scholarships

Beyond the accolades, MnAiC provides a range of impactful opportunities throughout the year. Our program offers hands-on tech experiences, career exploration and job shadowing, personalized mentorship, professional development, college scholarships, and paid internships. By combining recognition with these valuable resources, we are committed to supporting our honorees as they continue their journey in STEM education and pursue successful careers in technology.

**WHY APPLY?** ►



## WHY APPLY?

- **Get Recognized:** Be honored at the Top-Tier and Rising Star ceremonies in Spring 2025 as one of the 70+ recipients.
- **Explore Your Path:** Access hands-on tech experiences, job shadowing, and paid internships with leading companies.
- **Grow Your Skills:** Benefit from personalized mentorship and professional development workshops to boost your abilities and confidence.
- **College Scholarships:** Honorees who meet the eligibility requirements can apply for MnAiC college scholarships.
- **Future Opportunities:** Receive ongoing support, even if you're not recognized this year.
- **High Success Rate:** Historically, 80% of applicants receive some form of recognition!

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- **Minnesota high school students** in grades 9-12 who identify as women, trans women, genderqueer, or nonbinary.

## KEY DATES:

**Application Opens:** September 1, 2024

**Deadline:** October 29, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET

## Ready to take the next step in your tech journey?

**Apply now** and join a community of peers and mentors committed to helping you succeed.



**Learn More About MnAiC:**  
<https://mntech.org/about/mhft/aspirations/>