27-28 Application & Acceptance FAQ

Application Process & Eligibility

1. How old does a student need to be to apply?
Students need to be preparing to enter their 11th or 12th grade during the 27-28 school year. We do offer one 10th grade program, Construction Trades - 10. This program is designed to serve students entering their 10th grade during the 27-28 school year.

2. What is a lottery and why do you use a lottery system?
A lottery is a random selection process used to choose applicants when there are more eligible people than available spots in programs. Using the lottery ensures a fair and impartial selection process.

3. What are the criteria for denial?
According to Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Development guidelines, students cannot be denied admission based on attendance or academic performance. Denial can only occur due to an out of school suspension lasting 10 consecutive days or expulsion from school.

Transcripts will be reviewed prior to offering acceptance to ensure students have met at a minimum of 6 core credits.

Core Credits are a mix of credits from English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health/PE and financial literacy.

4. Can sophomores (CTA10) attend part time?
No. For the 27-28 school year, sophomores may not attend part time.

5. What school must I attend to apply?
You can attend any public school, private school, community school or be a home schooled student to apply. However, students from an Associate School will be given a higher priority than a Non Associate School.

6. What is an Associate School?
Our Associate Schools are:

- Cardington, Elgin, Highland, Marion Harding, Mt. Gilead, North Union, Pleasant, Ridgedale,River Valley and TRECA

Application Windows for Level 1 and Level 2

7. What and when is the Priority Application window?
The Priority Application is open from November 19, 2026 - January 1, 2027. Students graduating in 2028 or 2029 from associate schools who are seeking full time status and have six core credits will be entered into the Priority Lottery. This does not exclude any students as they can also apply during the Priority Application window or General Application window that follows. All part time applications and non associate school students will be reviewed during the General Lottery.

*CTA10 will also be open for applications following the same application windows for 2030 graduates.

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8. What and when is the General Application window?
The General Application is open from November 19, 2026 - February 15, 2027. Students from associate schools and non associate schools who have reached sophomore status may apply. Part time students and non associate school students will be considered during this round.

9. Do I need to apply during both windows?
No. You only need to apply one time.

10. I am not from an associate school and want to apply - when will I be considered?
All Non Associate School students will be considered during the General Application Lottery.

Acceptance & Commitment

11. How will students be notified of their acceptance status?
The Student Services Department will send a PRE ACCEPTANCE list to all school counselors between January 8 and January 15. Associate School Counselors must complete part 2 of the application before a student will be fully accepted.

Between February 1 and February 5, decision emails will be emailed to all applicants to the applicant's email and emailed to all counselors. Students will accept or decline the offered seat through PowerSchool enrollment.If a student declines, the next student on the waitlist will be offered the spot

12. What does pre acceptance mean?
Pre Acceptance means TRCC would like to offer a spot to the student. But, the associate school counselor MUST complete part 2 of the application before we notify the student of acceptance. If the associate school counselor does not complete part 2, the student will be removed from the acceptance list.

13. What happens at Acceptance Night?
Students and families will receive important details about uniforms, summer school (if required), and other program-specific requirements. Information will also be provided regarding College Credit Plus and the Akron Early College Program.

14. If a student applies for full time and then decides they want part time, will TRCC allow that?
Students applying full time receive a higher priority in the lottery vs. part time. If a student applies full time to an overprescribed program they must remain full time through the first semester. If they wish to go part time before the beginning of the school year, they will be moved to the bottom of the waitlist.

15. After I commit, if I decide I want to go part time—what are my options?
Students can switch to part time at the beginning of semester 2.