



# **PACE**

## Preparing to Achieve a College Education

A college access program for high school sophomores  
that offers free courses at Century College

### Student Application

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST**

- Complete PACE application
- Submit an unofficial high school transcript
- Get a letter of recommendation
- Take the Accuplacer reading comprehension assessment

**Early application deadline: May 1, 2009**

**Final application deadline: June 1, 2009**

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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

*Notice:* Century College uses social security numbers for student identification purposes on student records. Providing your social security number is voluntary. If you do not provide this number, your application will still be processed. This data is requested for purposes of administration, program evaluation and consumer data. Your number also may be used to create summary information about MnSCU programs through data matches with other state agencies.

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you lived in your state of residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email again: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to confirm)

High School & Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

If currently home schooled, what high school would you normally attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship (check one):  United States  Permanent Resident  other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Start Date:**

- summer semester 2009

**What is your current educational intent at this institution?**

- complete courses, but not a degree

**Request for Confidential Information**

The information requested below is voluntary and will assist Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in evaluating student recruitment and retention policies. It will NOT be used as a basis for admission or in a discriminatory manner. You will not be subjected to adverse treatment if you do not provide any of the requested information.

Gender:  Female  Male

**Race and Ethnic Background (select any that apply)**

- American Indian or Alaska Native- A person having origins in any of the original peoples in of North, Central or South America and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment
- Asian- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent
- Black or African American- A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islander
- White- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa  
Are you Hispanic or Latino (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican,

South or Central America, or other Spanish culture, regardless of race)?  Yes  No

**The following section must be completed by your parent (s) or guardian.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (if different than daytime): \_\_\_\_\_

How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your household income for 2008? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the highest level of education you have completed.**

**Parent/Guardian #1**

- No high school diploma
- High school diploma
- Some college
- Two-year college degree/ diploma
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Not sure/ don't know

**Parent/ Guardian #2**

- No high school diploma
- High school diploma
- Some college
- Two Year college degree/ diploma
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Not sure/ don't know

## II. STATEMENTS OF COMMITMENT

### Parent's commitment statement:

If my child is accepted into the *PACE* Program, I will commit to:

- Attending *PACE* orientation sessions and family activities.
- Supporting my child in any way that I can.

My child has approval to attend Century College and carry up to 6 credit hours (2 classes) during the Summer, and 3 credit hours (1 class) during the Fall and Spring Semesters while completing his/her junior and senior years at high school. I give permission to my child to participate in any field trips/projects that are class related. I agree to the exchange of academic information between the participating institutions and partners of the *PACE* Program. When necessary, I will help coordinate transportation to *PACE* activities

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application form and in all other admissions materials is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.

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Parent's Signature

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Printed Name of Parent

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Date

### Student's commitment statement:

If I am accepted into the *PACE* program, I will commit to:

- Attend all classes in the six semester sequence.
- Fulfill all requirements as outlined by each instructor in his/her class syllabus.
- Help coordinate my own transportation to and from Century Community College.

If I am accepted into the *PACE* program, I understand that:

- I will be taking classes at Century College while attending high school.
- Classes taken at the college will become a part of my permanent academic transcript.

If accepted into the program, I agree to fully participate in all aspects of the *PACE* Program. I also consent to participate in studies and surveys to help improve the Program and agree to the exchange of academic information between participating institutions. I agree that if I am accepted into Century *PACE*, program staff may have access to my academic records and may include my name as a participant in Century College publications.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application form and in all other admissions materials is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.

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Student's Signature

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Printed Name of Student

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Date

### III. STUDENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Please write short responses to the following questions

1) What are your academic and educational goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What careers are you interested in pursuing? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) Are you currently involved in a college access program? For example, Admission Possible, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Avid, etc. If so, please specify which program you are involved in.

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4) How would you manage your time to take college classes while in high school? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) To earn this opportunity for free college tuition, are you able to commit to attending classes during the summer months and academic school year?     -YES!     -No

6) Are you able to commit to attending classes for the entire two-year commitment?     -YES!     -No

**Please type an essay that answers the following questions** (attach to application; essay must be minimum 250 words typed):

1. Tell us about a school, work, or volunteer project you completed that you are proud of. What steps did you take to accomplish this?
2. Tell us about a time you faced a challenge and succeeded. What did you learn from the experience?

**Thank you for completing the PACE application!**

Don't forget the other application requirements listed on the front page.  
Please feel free to contact a staff member listed below with any questions you may have.

**Submit application to:**

Century College/ PACE program  
Attn: Nickyia Cogshell  
3300 Century Ave N  
White Bear Lake, MN. 55110

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Academic Coordinator, PACE  
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651-779-3344 (w)

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**Notice**

The college is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. The college is asking for this information in order to process your application

You are not legally required to provide the information the college is requesting; however, the college may not be able to effectively process your application if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials, including faculty who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent: (1) to other schools in which you seek or intend to enroll, or are enrolled, if you are first notified of the release; (2) to federal, state and local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit or evaluation; (3) as appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of financial aid; (4) to your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes; (5) if the information is sought with a subpoena, to an organization engaged in educational research or accrediting agency.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities abide by the provisions of Title IX and other federal and state laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or handicap and all other state and federal laws regarding equal opportunity. This document can be made available in alternate formats, such as large print or cassette tape, upon request.

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# PACE recommendation form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be completed by a **high school counselor, teacher, employer, coach, or any adult that can accurately identify the student's educational drive and potential.** PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT OR ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL FORM.

PACE offers students the opportunity to take college classes and earn college credits while still in high school, for **FREE**. Students are dedicated, hard-working, and determined to earn a college education!

*The Purpose of PACE* is to retain students in high school and insure their transfer to institutions of higher education after completing their senior year.

1. Please comment on the student's **academic skills and personal characteristics** (maturity, integrity, commitment, motivation, and values).

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2. Please provide any additional information that may assist the selection committee with its decision. (Example: student's strengths, weaknesses or extracurricular activities that might qualify or preclude the student from the full benefit of the PACE Program.)

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Signature of person who filled out the recommendation form: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of person who filled out the recommendation form: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_