



Here are some of the most common questions asked about Pueblo FAME.

Why should I apply to FAME?

This program helps set you on a career path that is high tech, in high demand and has a competitive wage. FAME is perfect for anyone who has ever thought, “I would love to work in STEM or be an engineer, but I don’t want to sit behind a desk all day or I do not want to take on all the college debt”. In just two years, you will become a highly qualified Advanced Manufacturing Technician with 1,800 hours of paid on the job training, strong leadership skills, an Associate’s Degree & hopefully a full-time job offer.

How much will I earn per hour?

Each sponsoring employer will offer different pay & benefits, but you can expect to earn at least \$15.16 per hour.

Can I choose which employer sponsors me?

While we understand you might have a preference of which employer you would like to work for, you must be open to working with any of the sponsoring employers.

Can I also apply for Financial Aid?

Yes! Many students will still qualify for financial aid in addition to their earned hourly wage.

Who can apply to participate in Pueblo FAME?

- Pueblo FAME is open to any person interested in pursuing a rewarding and high paying career. Ideal candidates have strong problem solving skills and a passion to work in a STEM. You can apply now on the PCC website by clicking on the program application on the previous page, or at:
https://themanufacturinginstitute.smapply.io/prog/fame_usa_application/
- High School Seniors, Veterans, and Career Changers interested in hands-on engineering or another STEM related career should consider applying.
- Most qualified applicants will have taken the ACT, SAT or CPT/PERT placement test and scored at a college ready proficiency in Math and English. (Please see PCC’s testing page on their website for more information.)

What if I do not meet the placement test requirements?

Pueblo FAME is an intense 5 semester (2 full year) program and students must be academically prepared to meet the education requirements. If you did not take the ACT, SAT or CPT/PERT placement test, you may take the Accuplacer test (offered at PCC) and achieve suitable scores in readiness for college level algebra and English.

When does this program start and when is my application due?

Pueblo FAME will start with Orientation and interviews in late July/early August. We do accept applications year-round for placement into the program, but applications should be submitted by June for consideration to be interviewed in June/July. If your application is submitted after June, you may still participate in FAME, but your interview process may be delayed until the start of the following Fall term.

Why is this program a great opportunity?

Students can earn more than \$47,300 working part time while attending college, which reduces the need for student loans and prepares students for a successful career. In fact, most FAME graduates have completed the program with no college debt. In addition, the student will have two years of related work experience to build their resume.

Is the program safe?

Today's high standards of manufacturing excellence emphasizes safety and quality and is reinforced daily with associates and management teams. The program incorporates extensive safety training and awareness, which starts on day one with the Safety Culture Manufacturing Core Exercise. This integrates safety awareness and risk reduction into all aspects of operations and training at each of the sponsoring employers.

Am I guaranteed a job after graduation with my sponsoring employer?

There is no guarantee. If sponsoring companies have positions available, many times their FAME students receive full-time job offers. There is over 90% in-field placement rate for students in the FAME program nationally.

When will I know if I've been Sponsored by an Employer for the Program?

The top qualified students will be invited to interview with an employer panel in June or July. Selections will be made following the interview process.

What is the difference between FAME and an internship or work-study position?

Many internships and work-study jobs end upon graduation, or even sooner. However, with FAME, you and your employer have the choice to continue your career even after you successfully complete the program! This is a real career in which you will gain real experience in the field.

Will I be guaranteed a position as a Maintenance Technician while still in school?

Though the possibility exists for one to enter the FAME program as a maintenance technician on day 1, there is no guarantee. A maintenance technician is a highly skilled trade that comes with a lot of training, education, and experience. People who start the program as a technician usually have one, or several, of these qualities already. However, you will likely start in a role that allows you to learn and acclimate to a production environment. But with the skills you gain, the door will be open for you to continually advance in a career that is full of opportunity!

What is required of me during the program?

You must be truly committed to the program. This is not like other educational programs. To maintain your work sponsorship, you are required to:

- Show up EVERY day to work and school on time. Each sponsoring company will have their own attendance policy, and it will be strictly enforced.
- Maintain a “C” grade or higher in ALL classes
- Attend all required FAME events
- Complete 5 Manufacturing Core Exercises (MCEs) – 1 per semester
- Must be professional and respectful at both work and school.
- Abide by your sponsoring employer’s policies and handbook at work and school
- Observe all safety rules and practices specified while at work and school

I still have questions. Is there someone I can talk to?

Yes! You can find more information about Pueblo FAME by visiting our websites:

- National FAME Organization: <https://fame-usa.com/>
- Pueblo Community College: <https://www.pueblocc.edu/>
- Pueblo FAME Application:
https://themanufacturinginstitute.smapply.io/prog/fame_usa_application/
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