



Here are the first steps toward your career as a John Deere TECH:

- First, get your high school diploma or equivalent.
- Second, contact the John Deere TECH Program you want to attend. They'll help you figure out what exams you need to take and what paperwork you need to complete.
- Next, register and pass all required entrance exams. The schools will also want your Compass, SAT, ACT, etc. scores. Some schools may require you to take additional skills/aptitude tests, as well.
- Finally, find a qualified [John Deere dealership](#) to sponsor you.

Every TECH student must be sponsored by a John Deere dealership as part of the TECH program. TECH students also work at their sponsoring dealerships as part of the curriculum. And get paid for it. This is where all your time in class — learning customer service as well as hydraulics — comes together. At a dealership, TECH students learn from seasoned service technicians and deal with real people, customers who need their equipment fixed right, and fixed right now.

Your time at a dealership is intense. You'll put all you know about John Deere diesel engines, powertrains, electronics, and diagnostics to work. You'll learn you really can fix a machine with a laptop instead of a wrench. And you'll discover how your skills affect everyone you come into contact with, from customers to coworkers. It's this real-life experience that puts John Deere TECH graduates in demand. Not only are you learning about working in a dealership, but dealerships are learning about working with you.

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Best of all, some sponsoring dealerships will help you repay your TECH student loans if you agree to work for them after you leave school. So not only will there be a job waiting for you after graduation, but you'll be paying off your education faster than you ever thought you could.

Don't let money worries halt your dreams. Every John Deere TECH Program has instructors and financial aid offices ready to help. All you have to do is ask.

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## John Deere Tech College's

Arkansas State University-Beebe	Beebe, Arkansas
Southwest Georgia Tech College	Thomasville, Georgia
Lake Land College	Mattoon, Illinois
Vincennes University	Vincennes, Indiana
Northeast Iowa Community College	Calmar, Iowa
Fort Scott Community College	Frontenac, Kansas
Garden City Community College	Garden City, Kansas
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Senatobia, Mississippi
Southeast Community College	Milford, Nebraska
SUNY-Cobleskill	Cobleskill, New York
Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh, North Carolina
North Dakota State Community College	Wahpeton, North Dakota
Owens Community College	Toledo, Ohio
Navarro College	Corsicana, Texas
Walla Walla Community College	Walla Walla, Washington
Madison Area Technical College	Madison, Wisconsin

As a student you may receive a loan from Phelps Implement to pay for your tuition. To receive additional loans you must maintain a B- average or better. Following completion of your schooling you will agree to work for Phelps Implement for a minimum of 5 years. Following each year of fulltime employment after graduation, the amount of the loan will be reduced by 20%. (Ex. After year one 20% is forgiven after year two a total of 40% is forgiven.) If for any reason the employer employee relationship between yourself and Phelps Implement is discontinued before the 5 years of employment is completed you will be responsible for the loan balance which still exists.

\*If you are not of legal age your parent or guardian will have to sign the contract also.

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Thank you for your time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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