



MINNESOTA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Our Mission

We strive to uplift the voice of undergraduate students on the UMN - Twin Cities campus by advocating for institutional changes to enhance the student experience. We work in partnership with University administrators to change campus policy and engage with legislators at every level of government to support our community.



What We Do



Student Body President and Vice President elected through an all-campus election in the spring

We manage a **staff of 35 students** who work in conjunction with an elected body of representatives



The **Government and Legislative Affairs** team advocates for legislation and empowers students to be civically engaged

Two Representatives to the Board of Regents represent students at the highest level of governance





Key Initiatives

A few highlights of MSA's work

Textbook Affordability

The consumer price index (CPI) of educational books and supplies in the US has increased by **812%** since 1978¹

The College Board states that the average price of educational books and supplies for a full-time undergraduate student is **\$1,298**²

7 out of 10 undergraduates have not purchased one or more textbooks because of cost³

We need investments in open and affordable textbook resources to ensure that every student is able to take full advantage of their education



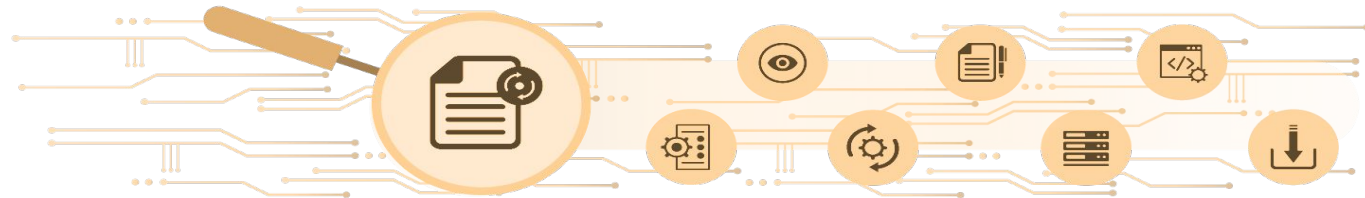
Data Privacy

3rd parties request large sets of personal student data, sometimes used for advertising, recruitment, or financial gain

Only **18%** of students have suppressed some part of their personal information⁴

MSA unanimously passed a resolution to protect student data privacy

- Limit access to the directory in which access to student email, physical address, phone number, and student ID photographs
- Maintain documentation of third parties who request large amounts of student information





Integrated Voter Registration

62% of people who are not registered have never directly been asked to register⁵

- We are advocating for students to automatically be prompted to get registered as a part of student programming
- Northwestern University has integrated voter registration and over **96%** of their student body is registered⁶

Expanding Medical Amnesty

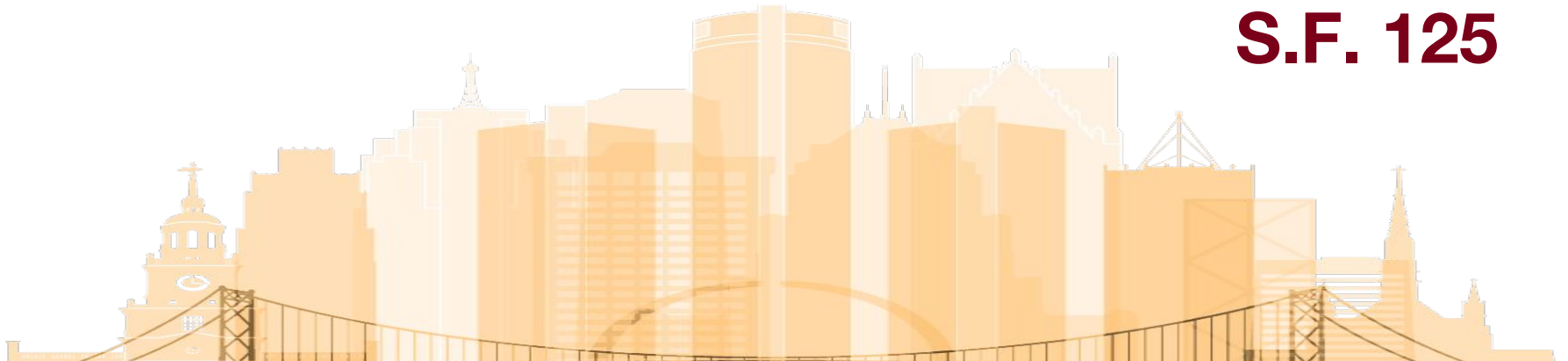


- Victims of sexual assault are vulnerable to prosecution for incidents involving alcohol and other controlled substances
- We are advocating for expanded medical amnesty to grant immunity from prosecution for students under the age of 21 who call for emergency medical attention for sexual assault where alcohol or controlled substances are involved

Housing and Landlord Accountability

- Change the definition of a written residential lease to be unit specific for buildings with 12 or more units
- Require written residential leases to identify lease start and end date on first page of lease
- Standardize notice to quit and notice of rent increase

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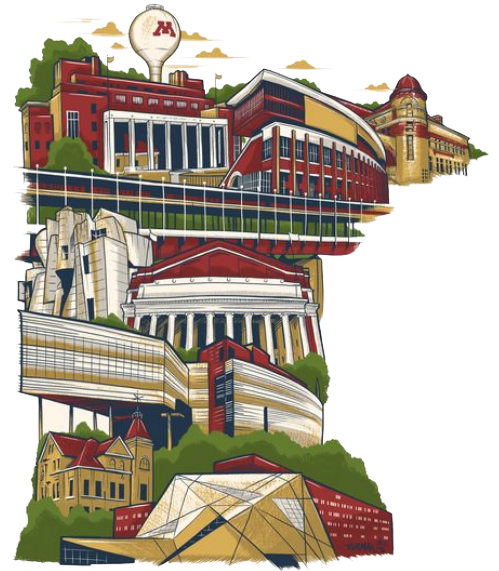


Funding the U

The University is requesting **\$87 Million** to support core needs, such as retaining the best faculty and maintaining cutting-edge resources⁷

This request will not keep tuition flat for resident undergraduates

Students currently pay **58%** of the cost of education, but they paid only **25%** in 1990⁸



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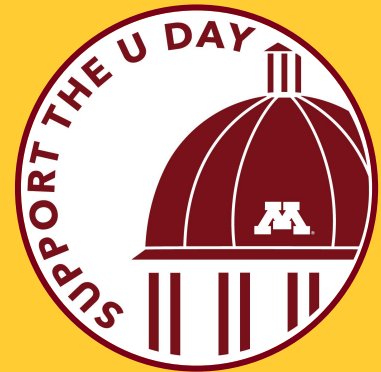


How can we work together?

Learn more: msa.umn.edu

Reach out: msa@umn.edu

Support the U day is April 3rd!



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