



MINNESOTA STATE



4,023

academic programs
to choose from



7,253

veterans and service members

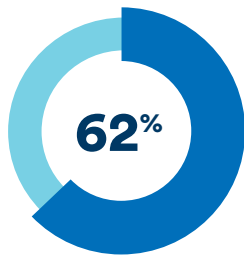
attend a Minnesota State college or university each year



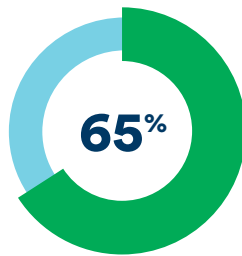
36,000+

degrees, certificates, and diplomas

awarded each year



State Colleges



State Universities

percent of students who receive
financial aid



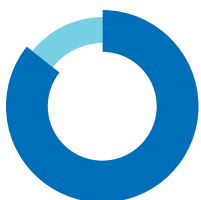
300,000
students

attend our colleges and universities each year



9,953

customized training, occupational, and professional classes



84.5% job placement

in a related field of study

\$6,109
STATE COLLEGES

\$9,894
STATE UNIVERSITIES

Average Minnesota State college and university tuition and fees before grants and scholarships



MINNESOTA STATE BUDGET REQUEST

STUDENT SUPPORT

Helping Minnesota State students succeed

\$125 million to directly support students

» **\$77 million: freeze tuition and expand free textbook offerings**

This portion of the request would allow colleges and universities to freeze tuition rates where they currently are. Freezing tuition provides an across-the-board cost reduction to students by replacing the revenue that would have come from normal tuition rate changes with state appropriation dollars. Also included in this proposal is funding to reduce students' out-of-pocket costs by expanding free offerings for a wide range of course materials and resources.

» **\$26 million: expand student support services**

This part of the request is designed to address mental health and student basic needs. This funding will be used for services such as student advisors, social workers, basic needs coordinators, community resource connectors, and mental health support staff. Each college or university will have different specific needs based on the makeup of its student body and existing staffing and programming.

» **\$12 million: transfer scholarships**

Transfer scholarships help students continue towards completion of their educational goals when they might otherwise have to cut their education shorter or delay it, often making eventual completion more difficult. These scholarships would support students with financial need who transfer from any Minnesota State college to a Minnesota State university.

» **\$10 million: emergency grants**

In fiscal year 2024, federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants to students will no longer be available. Unexpected emergency needs, however, will not go away. Funding for student emergency grants is essential as students fit their educational goals within the broader complexities of their lives.

This is one portion of the overall Minnesota State Budget Request.