

MN State Funding for Teacher Candidates

	State agency (as of March 2025)	Who can apply for funding	PELSB approved teacher preparation provider	Teacher Candidates (not yet licensed; enrolled in a program)	Tier 2 Teacher Candidates (teachers of record; enrolled in a program)
Grow Your Own programs	MDE	District provides funding to teacher candidates for program costs	Higher Ed Alt Prep	Eligible to receive funding	Eligible to receive funding
Special Education Pipeline*	MDE	District provides funding to teacher candidates for program costs	Higher Ed Alt Prep	Eligible to receive funding	Eligible to receive funding
Student teacher grants: pilot program, underrepresented, shortage areas	OHE	Teacher Candidates apply via higher education institution and OHE	Higher Ed	Eligible to receive funding	Is the goal to pay people who are unpaid during student teaching? Tier 2 teachers earn a salary.
Aspiring teachers of color scholarship program	OHE	Teacher Candidates apply via higher education institution and OHE	Higher Ed	Eligible to receive funding	Eligible to receive funding
CUGMEC	PELSB	Higher education institution provides scholarships to eligible teacher candidates	Higher Ed	Eligible to receive funding	Eligible to receive funding
Teacher mentorship and induction programs	MDE PELSB	PELSB: districts; schools; teachers. MDE: partners of higher education, regional service coops, districts, and professional organizations	Not required	N/A	Eligible to receive funding
Teacher shortage loan repayment program	OHE	Program completers (teachers)	Higher Ed Alt Prep - N/A?	Eligible for loan repayment	Eligible for loan repayment