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Overview

This bill establishes a scholarship program administered by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) to incentivize students to enter high-demand occupations.

Section

1 Workforce development scholarships.

Subd. 1. Program established. Establishes the scholarship program at Minnesota State.

Subd. 2. Scholarship awards. Scholarships shall be for \$2,500, distributed evenly over two academic terms.

Subd. 3. Program eligibility. To qualify for a scholarship a student must:

- qualify for resident tuition;
- take at least nine credits at a state college; and
- study either advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care services, or information technology.

Subd. 4. Renewal; cap. A student may receive the scholarship more than once, but an individual's total lifetime award may not exceed \$5,000.

Subd. 5. Administration. Minnesota State shall establish an application process for the program. Preference may be given based on financial need.

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Subd. 6. Report required. Establishes an annual reporting requirement regarding the status of the program.

2 Appropriation. Blank appropriation in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to Minnesota State from the general fund for the workforce development scholarship program.