

Subject Higher Education: Workforce Development Scholarships

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Summary

The workforce development scholarship program is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.¹ The program provides scholarships to students enrolled in educational programs related to high-demand career fields designated in law. Institutions may also offer scholarships to students in one additional program area for occupations in high need in their specific region. Currently, there are nine specific career fields eligible for scholarships: (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) agriculture; (3) health care services; (4) information technology; (5) early childhood; (6) transportation; (7) construction; (8) education; and (9) public safety. The public safety, education, and construction fields were most recently added by the legislature in 2023.

This bill adds “energy” to the list of educational programs eligible for the scholarships.

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¹ The most recent report on the program is available online:
<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/docs/2024/mandated/240190.pdf>.