



MINNESOTA STATE BUDGET REQUEST

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bridging education and employment for a robust economy

\$100 million to educate and train Minnesota's next generation workforce

All requested state funds will be matched one-to-one with non-state funds in-kind or cash.

» **\$49 million: upgrade college and university equipment and learning environments**

This investment will provide students with state-of-the-art learning environments for career and technical education and enhance applied research laboratories for interactive, hands-on, and multi-disciplinary approaches to STEM education.

- Minnesota is at risk of falling behind investments made by neighboring states in learning environments that attract and retain students and workers.

» **\$25.5 million: increase workforce development scholarships**

Expand the Workforce Development Scholarship program to:

- Add three new degree fields for scholarship eligibility: construction, education, and public safety
- Expand eligibility and award amounts (\$3,500) for state university students
- Add select short-term credit and non-credit certificates for full cost of instruction (up to \$1,500) and credit-for-prior learning (CPL) fees
- Funding would be proportional to enrollment in the eligible programs

This funding would triple the current number of approximately 1,600 students receiving scholarships.

» **\$25.5 million: develop and expand industry sector programming**

High-demand occupations are experiencing extraordinary changes in occupational skills due to technological changes in Minnesota's increasingly advanced and diverse economy. By focusing on industry partnerships in Minnesota's key industries, this funding will build capacity and support for new and re-designed curricular options with an emphasis on offering students work-place experiences, such as "earn & learn," micro-credentials, internships, or applied research.

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

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CURRENT MINNESOTA STATE WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

» Workforce Development Scholarship Program

- \$4,500,000 is available for scholarships and distributed to colleges based on student headcount
- Ten percent of funds matched with private contributions
- \$2,500 award per year; \$5,000 over two years
- \$2,500 available to transfer students in eligible program areas

Awards to students enrolled in a diploma, certificate, or degree program leading to high-demand employment in:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Health Care Services
- Information Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Transportation
- A degree field that corresponds to a high-demand industry in the region

» Leveraged Equipment Program

- \$7,278,0000 is available and distributed to colleges and universities based on 5-year rolling average of equipment spending
- The program provides resources to acquire state-of-the-art equipment to train students in areas with high employer need
- The program is intended to help colleges and universities build long term partnerships with employers – all state funds matched 1-1 with private contributions

» Centers of Excellence

- \$3,900,000 state funding supports eight Centers of Excellence and the Credit-for-Prior Learning Assessment Network (C-PLAN). Centers are collaborations of colleges, universities, industry representatives, trade associations and other state and community stakeholders
- Centers address workforce needs in agriculture, advanced manufacturing, engineering, healthcare, information technology, energy, and transportation
- Industry boards advise on curriculum, outreach efforts, equipment and employment opportunities for the Minnesota State colleges and universities offering programs in these industries