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SUMMARY

The Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations (MFSO) is the collective umbrella co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) reside under in Minnesota. The MFSO was created in 1996 by the Minnesota State Legislature to bridge the public and private funding of Career and Technical Student Organizations. The MFSO acts as an independent state agency and allocates legislative funding to co-curricular career and technical student organizations. As a non-profit, the MFSO provides assistance to the Career and Technical Student Organizations it serves in the following areas: Leadership Training, Conference Support, Board Development, Legislative Initiatives and Individual CTSO Grants. The MFSO serves the following career and technical student organizations:

Secondary

BPA – Business Professionals of America
DECA – Marketing Education
FCCLA – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
FCCLA-HERO – Service Occupations and other related programs
FFA – Agriculture and Agribusiness education
HOSA – Health Occupations
SkillsUSA – Technical and Industry Occupations

Post Secondary

BPA – Business Professionals of America
DECA – Marketing Education
PAS – Post Secondary Agriculture Students
SkillsUSA – Technical and Industry Occupations

Highlights over the past 2 years include:

Leadership Development;
Private Fund Development;
CTE Assessment Testing Support;
and CTSO Board, Policy and Procedure Development.

The MFSO continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State College and Universities.

MISSION & HISTORY

Mission

The MFSO promotes and supports career and technical student organizations as they work to provide student opportunities for leadership, personal development, community service and career preparation.

History

Career and technical student organizations have served students for over 70 years. After federal legislation provided for agriculture and homemaking education, FFA (Future Farmers of America) and FHA (Future Homemakers of America) were established. As new career initiatives were added at the state level, other career and technical student organizations were developed.

Originally, all student organizations were state and federal programs, which over the years evolved into independent 501 c3 non-profit organizations. With the advent of the School-to-Work program, student organizations developed a much higher profile as an integral part of the educational process where students experienced application of skill and developed personal leadership qualifications.

In 1996 by the Minnesota State Legislature agreed to boost support for this extremely important component of the education process by creating the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations to bridge the public and private funding of Career and Technical Student Organizations. Modeled after the highly successful Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation, the legislature established the group and appropriated monies for not only the operation of the Foundation, but also for disbursement to the various student organizations for their operations. Additionally, they charged the Foundation with the responsibility of securing additional funding through outside sources of support for these same student organizations.

THE BIENNIUM

Staffing

The Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations currently has one part time staff employed by contract: Executive Director, Emily Saed. Saed has been with the MFSO since November 2003.

The MFSO maintains a relationship with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) through a contractual agreement. The MDE provides oversight and necessary administration for the Legislative dollars granted to the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) and any additional public funding received. Through this arrangement the MFSO has been able to receive the services of an administrative assistant, grants coordinator and additional support as needed.

Many of the individual CTSO work closely with state specialists. This allows them to continue to receive guidance on curricular issues affecting their students and advisors.

Operations

The MFSO has continued to provide assistance to the Career and Technical Student Organizations it supports, including: Student Workshops, Board Development, and over-all general guidance.

Over the past year the MFSO worked with the Student Organizations, the MDE and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to implement assessment testing programs throughout the state. The MFSO is monitoring the impact of the testing with regard to participation and necessary financial support.

The Offices of the MFSO have moved and are now located within Conference Center A of the MDE. The MFSO provides on-site storage for the student organizations to maintain records and store supplies.

The MFSO maintains a website that is updated regularly: www.mnctso.org.

Private Funding

The MFSO is now focusing its efforts on acquiring private funds going directly to the Career and Technical Student Organizations it serves. In the FY10-11 Biennium the MFSO successfully raised over \$28,000.00.

Developing grants in cooperation with a specific student organization allows the grantor to give directly to the program and/or organization they best align with; verses expecting the grantor to provide funding to a “pass-through” organization. It also allows the MFSO to assist student organizations on specific projects. Ms. Saed is currently writing the grants in cooperation with the Executive Directors of the Student Organizations.

Most recently, a scholarship program has been launched to support CTSO state (student) officers with post-secondary tuition needs.

Public Funding

\$725,000.00 was received each fiscal year in the Biennium. These funds were disbursed according to Legislation*. The MFSO has been limited in its ability to distribute Legislative Funding through the established formula. (Please see Attachment A, Funding Distribution.)

The MFSO receives limited additional support through Perkins funding provided by the MDE and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities offices that is project specific and based on fund availability. Areas that have been funded in the past Biennium include: Assessment Testing, Career Clusters, Underserved Populations, Youth Leadership Development and Skilled Conference Support.

Legislative Initiatives

The MFSO develops and adheres to Legislative Principles based on the belief: co-curricular career and technical student organizations are an integral part of career and technical education programs. The MFSO supports and seeks legislation to further that belief.

The MFSO actively seeks:

The MFSO seeks to have the riders currently governing the distribution of funding stricken; which is in-line with the Legislative Auditors recommendation of allowing agencies to grant monies to the non-profits they support at their discretion. The MFSO wishes to distribute funding fairly and equitably based on the size and growth of the organization.

The MFSO is also seeking an additional line item to help support career and technical education exploration in the middle school grades (5-8) which currently fall outside of the Minnesota State definition of a career and technical student (grade 9-14).

Current Legislation

In the FY04 Legislative Session the Legislation governing the MFSO was modified significantly. The changes required the MFSO to abandon the formula it had used previously to disburse funds received by the Legislature and adhere to the following Legislation:

- 129.17 Subd. 17. [STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.] For student
- 129.18 organizations:
- 129.19 \$725,000 2006
- 129.20 \$725,000 2007
- 129.21 \$40,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.22 health occupations.
- 129.23 \$38,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.24 service occupations.
- 129.25 \$88,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.26 trade and industry occupations.
- 129.27 \$84,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.28 business occupations.
- 129.29 \$131,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.30 agriculture occupations.
- 129.31 \$125,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.32 family and consumer science occupations.
- 129.33 \$95,000 each year is for student organizations serving
- 129.34 marketing occupations.

Leadership & Development

Over the past two years the MFSO has focused on Board Development and the Policies and Procedures of the individual student organizations. The MFSO has provided facilitation to the student organizations during strategic planning sessions held by their Board of Directors.

The MFSO has constructed a comprehensive guide for CTSO including: universal policies on finance including purchasing fixed asset, and fiscal responsibility, and state grant procedures.

The MFSO has also assisted in funding student leadership activities including the annual joint endeavor for new state officer training utilized by 4 student organizations.

Conclusion

Over the course of the Biennium, the MFSO provided leadership and development to the Career and Technical Student Organizations it serves through workshops, conferences, project development and financial support.

In the next Biennium the MFSO seeks to provide more direct funding to the organizations it serves through both public and private fund development. The MFSO will continue to strive to provide the necessary leadership and guidance to make the organizations it serves more successful.

Attachment A

Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations Funding Distribution

The Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations is charged with a variety of responsibilities by the Minnesota Legislature including distributing public funding.

MFSO Funding Formula

The MFSO allocates funding based on the following formula created in 2000 and modified in 2002. The formula takes into consideration the growth and development of each of the Student Organizations annually.

The Formula has three components:

Part A - Base Funding

- This plan distributes 60% of the formula funds equitably to each individual CTSO for the "base."
- "Base" resources are allocated by a fixed amount for each student organization. A maximum of two organizations can be recognized for each of the seven career areas defined in M.S. 124D.34.

Part B - Membership Factor

- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the formula funding is allocated on the basis paid state and national members served.

Part C - Chapter Factor

- Fifteen percent (15%) of the formula funding is allocated on the basis of nationally affiliated chapters.

Part B and Part C of the formula are distributed based on the number of career and technical students served

Attachment B

FY10-11 Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations Legislative Principles

The MFSO Supports:

- the continuation of funding for all vocational, career and technical student organizations operating in secondary and post-secondary institutions.
- the continued disbursement of state funding for vocational, career and technical student organizations through the Board of Directors of the M.F.S.O.
- providing students the opportunities to access and participate in secondary and post secondary career and technical education programs, including student organizations.
- occupational licensing procedures that supply both secondary and post-secondary institutions with an adequate number of skilled instructors of vocational, career and technical programs and student organizations.
- funding for replacement of equipment needed by vocational, career and technical education programs in order to stay current and relevant.
- applied learning environments and class sizes that provide individual instructor attention to students and increase parent-teacher cooperation and foster effective teaching.
- education employees receiving adequate compensation and quality preparation; including, improving preparation programs to make them practical in application and relevant to the classroom.
- the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities bonding initiatives as needed for the maintenance, growth and development of career and technical education programs within the Minnesota State College System.
- the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities student activity fees being spent exclusively on student activities.
- the continuation of funding Carl D. Perkins IV at the federal level; and the development of additional streams of revenue at the state and local level to support career and technical education programs.
- student organizations' right to organize at the state and national level.
- reaching underserved populations and providing meaningful leadership experiences within career and technical education programs.
- culturally diverse activities within all vocational, career and technical student organizations at the secondary and post secondary level.

The MFSO Seeks:

The MFSO seeks to have the riders currently governing the distribution of funding stricken; which is in-line with the Legislative Auditors recommendation of allowing agencies to grant monies to the non-profits they support at their discretion. The MFSO wishes to distribute funding fairly and equitably based on the size and growth of the organization.

The MFSO is also seeking an additional line item to help support career and technical education exploration in the middle school grades (5-8) which currently fall outside of the Minnesota State definition of a career and technical student (grade 9-14).

In summation, we wish to have the allocation riders stricken and replaced with the following language:

66.21 Subd. 18. Student organizations. For student organizations:

66.22 \$ 785,000 2012

66.23 \$ 785,000 2013

66.24 \$725,000 each year is allocated to career and technical student organizations serving grades 9-14.

66.25 *Career and Technical Student Organization as defined in MN 124D.355 Vocational Education Student*

66.26 *Organizations.*

66.27 \$60,000 each year is allocated to career and technical student organizations serving grades 9-14 for

66.28 the specific purpose of support to those organizations also serving exploratory programs in

66.29 career and technical education, grades 5-8.

66.30 Division of funds by the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations will

66.31 be done so utilizing a specific funding formula paying specific attention to the operating costs of all

66.32 organizations, with an equal division of not less that 50% of funds allocated for such expense; and not

66.33 less than 25% of funds allocated will be divided based on membership. Not less than 75% of state

66.34 funding received will be allocated through this formula.

66.35 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

66.36 Funding may be issued to the career and technical student organizations in cooperation with the

66.32 Minnesota Department of Education.

Attachment C

Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations Definitions

Organization:

A career and technical state organization must:

- satisfy all requirements to be in good standing with the national organization;
- have at least 300 members;
- have at least 10 active chapters; and
- have a maximum of two organizations that are recognized for each of the 7 career areas as defined in M.S. 124D.34*.

Chapter:

A career and technical student organization chapter must:

- be part of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) state approved program;
- be a state and nationally recognized, chartered chapter; and
- have ten (10) or more members that meet CTE grade level guidelines (currently 9-14).

Member:

A chapter member must:

- be a student who has fully paid state and national CTSO dues for the current year;
- be enrolled in an approved CTE program at a Minnesota education school or college in grade levels that meet state CTE guidelines.

Reporting:

Each CTSO organization must:

- report the current year's student membership and chapter numbers to the MFSO office prior to June 1 of each fiscal year;
- submit to an audit at the discretion of the MFSO Board of Directors.

Attachment D

FY11 Allocation by Formula

Student Org. Name	60%	National Membership	25%	National Chapters	15%	Total Amount by formula	Additional Legislative Funding	Final Grants to Organizations
<i>Total \$ Value</i>	\$331,800.00	N/A	\$138,250.00	N/A	\$82,950.00	\$ 553,000.00		
BPA High School	\$30,163.63	1,798	\$11,866.80	107	\$10,930.05	\$52,960.48		\$52,960.48
BPA Post-Secondary	\$30,163.63	309	\$2,039.40	13	\$1,327.95	\$33,530.98		\$33,530.98
DECA High School	\$30,163.63	2,724	\$17,978.40	52	\$5,311.80	\$53,453.83		\$53,453.83
DEX Post Secondary	\$30,163.63	2,985	\$19,701.00	43	\$4,392.45	\$54,257.08		\$54,257.08
FFA High School	\$30,163.63	8,274	\$54,608.40	177	\$18,080.55	\$102,852.58		\$102,852.58
PAS Post Secondary	\$30,163.63	342	\$2,257.20	10	\$1,021.50	\$33,442.33		\$33,442.33
FCCLA High School	\$30,163.63	1,126	\$7,431.60	120	\$12,258.00	\$49,853.23	\$75,146.77	\$125,000.00
HOSA High School	\$30,163.63	679	\$4,481.40	36	\$3,677.40	\$38,322.43	\$1,677.57	\$40,000.00
HERO	\$30,163.63	419	\$2,765.40	27	\$2,758.05	\$35,687.08	\$2,312.92	\$38,000.00
SKILLS USA High School	\$30,163.63	742	\$4,897.20	69	\$7,048.35	\$42,109.18		\$42,109.18
SKILLS USA Post Secondary	\$30,163.63	1,544	\$10,190.40	149	\$15,220.35	\$55,574.38		\$55,574.38
Total	\$331,799.93	20,942	\$138,217.20	803	\$82,026.45	\$552,043.58		\$631,180.84
		\$6.60		\$ 103.30				

Legislative Occupational Fields	Funds allocated by Legislature	Currently Allocated	MFSO Second Payment
Health	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	NA
Service	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00	NA
Trade and Industry	\$88,000.00	\$97,683.56	\$9,693.56
Business	\$84,000.00	\$86,491.46	\$2,491.46
Agriculture	\$131,000.00	\$136,294.91	\$5,294.91
Family and Consumer Science	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	NA
Marketing	\$95,000.00	\$107,710.91	\$12,710.91
Total	\$601,000.00	\$631,180.84	\$30,190.84

BPA High School \$50,469.02
 *(Second Payment made by MFSO of \$2,491.46)
 BPA Post Secondary \$33,530.98
 DECA High School \$53,453.83
 Collegiate DECA (formerly DEX) \$41,546.17
 *(Second Payment made by MFSO of \$12,710.91)
 FFA \$97,558.67
 *(Second Payment made by MFSO of \$5,294.91)
 PAS \$33,442.33
 FCCLA \$125,000.00
 HOSA \$40,000.00
 HERO \$38,000.00
 SkillsUSA High School \$42,109.18
 SkillsUSA College \$45,890.82
 *(Second Payment made by MFSO of \$9,693.56)