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Minnesota Special License Plates – 2016











Special Plate Types	Sample Image of License Plate	Criteria for Issuance	Total current in fleet (12/31/16)
ARO (Amateur Radio) 168.12, subd. 2		Passenger or self-propelled RV class (any weight) vehicle owned by licensed amateur radio operator	2,649
Citizens Band Radio 168.12, subd. 2		Passenger or self-propelled RV class (any weight) vehicle owned by licensed citizens band radio operator	39
Collector Class: Classic 168.10, subd. 1 (b)		Specific vehicles manufactured between 1925–1948. Refer to Classic car list under Minn. Stat. 168.10, subd. 1b	948
Collector Class: Classic Motorcycle 168.105		A motorcycle at least 20 model years old	14,159
Collector Class: Collector 168.10, subd. 1c		A motor vehicle at least 20 model years old or a motor vehicle 10 model years old if no more than 500 vehicles were manufactured or imported into the US.	194,885
Collector Class: Pioneer 168.10, subd. 1 (a)		A motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1936	17,479









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Collector Class: Street Rod 168.10, subd. 1 (d)		A motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1949 or built to resemble such a vehicle	5,553
Collegiate: 168.129 Augsburg College		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	34
Collegiate: 168.129 Bemidji		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	55
Collegiate: 168.129 Bethel University		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	27
Collegiate: 168.129 Concordia College (Moorhead)		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	84
Collegiate: 168.129 Concordia University (St. Paul)		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	24
Collegiate: 168.129 Crown College		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	17
Collegiate: 168.129 Gustavus Adolphus		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	185
Collegiate: 168.129 Hamline University		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	36
Collegiate: 168.129 Macalester University		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	13










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Collegiate: 168.129 Minnesota State University Mankato	 A sample Minnesota license plate for Minnesota State University Mankato. It features the MSU logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	116
Collegiate: 168.129 Metropolitan State University	 A sample Minnesota license plate for Metropolitan State University. It features the Metropolitan State University logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	12
Collegiate: 168.129 Minnesota State University Moorhead	 A sample Minnesota license plate for Minnesota State University Moorhead. It features the Moorhead State University logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	42
Collegiate: 168.129 University of Northwestern St. Paul	 A sample Minnesota license plate for University of Northwestern-St Paul. It features the University of Northwestern-St Paul logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	19
Collegiate: 168.129 Southwest Minnesota State University	 A sample Minnesota license plate for Southwest Minnesota State University. It features the SMSU logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	76
Collegiate: 168.129 St. Benedict	 A sample Minnesota license plate for College of St Benedict. It features the Saint Benedict logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	10
Collegiate: 168.129 St. Catherine's	 A sample Minnesota license plate for St Catherine University. It features the St Catherine University logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	50
Collegiate: 168.129 St. Cloud State	 A sample Minnesota license plate for St Cloud University. It features the St Cloud University logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	98
Collegiate: 168.129 St. John's	 A sample Minnesota license plate for Saint John's University. It features the SJU logo, the text 'AA000', and 'JAN' and 'YEAR' markers.	Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	131








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Collegiate: 168.129 St. Mary's		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	22
Collegiate: 168.129 St. Olaf		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	118
Collegiate: 168.129 St. Thomas		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	181
Collegiate: 168.129 U of M Crookston		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	3
Collegiate: 168.129 U of M Duluth		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	170
Collegiate: 168.129 U of M Twin Cities		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	2,081
Collegiate: 168.129 U of M Morris		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	23
Collegiate: 168.129 Winona State		Passenger class vehicle; applicant need not be alumnus. Requires minimum \$25 annual contribution to scholarship fund.	41
Commuter Van Pool 168.126		Commuter Van designed to carry 7 to 16 persons. (Taxed as BY Class bus.)	226
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Deer (6/96)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Deer (6/96)	23,699








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Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Loon (4/02)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Loon design (4/02)	66,517
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Anglers (5/09)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Anglers (5/09)	26,443
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Chickadee (5/09)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Chickadee (5/09)	21,613
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Ladyslipper (5/09)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Ladyslipper (5/09)	23,971
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Buck (5/09)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Buck (5/09)	21,999
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Pheasant (11/13)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Pheasants (11/13)	7,955
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Kouba Moose (08/14)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Moose (08/14)	11,739
Critical Habitat (DNR; Conservation) 168.1296 Wild Turkey (11/16)		Passenger Class Vehicles: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special DNR fund. Wild Turkey (11/16)	438
Disabled 168.021		Issued to an owner or primary operator of a passenger vehicle, one-ton pickup or self-propelled RV (any weight) who meets medical criteria certifying physical disability	25,562
Disabled Motorcycle 168.021		Issued to owner of a motorcycle who meets medical criteria certifying physical disability	314








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Firefighter 168.12, subd. 2 (b)		Passenger class vehicle or one-ton truck resembling a pickup, owned by a member of a fire department.	14,393
Firefighter Motorcycle 168.12, subd. 2 (b)		Motorcycle owned by a member of a fire department.	778
Firefighter (Retired) 168.12, subd. 2g		Passenger class vehicle or one-ton truck resembling a pickup, owned by a retired firefighter.	1,015
Firefighter (Retired) Motorcycle 168.12, subd. 2g		Motorcycle owned by a retired firefighter.	68
Gold Star Family 168.1253		Passenger, One-Ton Pickup, self-propelled RV owned by spouse, parent, sibling or child of fallen service member (Registration and filing fee collected)	363
Gold Star Family motorcycle 168.1253		Motorcycle owned by spouse, parent, sibling or child of fallen service member (No cost for plate but Registration and filing fee are still due)	22
Limousine 168.128		Luxury sedan or SUV. Applicant must furnish proof of insurance policy that complies with M.S. 65B.135 valid for entire registration period.	1,370
Minnesota Golf 168.1299		Passenger Class Vehicles, one-ton pick-up trucks, Self-Propelled RV: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to MN PGA foundation.	2,263
Minnesota State Parks & Trails 168.1295		Passenger Class Vehicles, one-ton pick-up trucks, Self-Propelled RV: Requires minimum \$50 annual contribution to MN Parks & Trails, allows entry to MN State Parks without additional admittance permit.	278 <i>Available 12/01/2016</i>
Minnesota State Parks & Trails motorcycle 168.1295		Motorcycle Requires minimum \$50 annual contribution to MN Parks & Trails, allows entry to MN State Parks without additional admittance permit.	<i>Available 02/01/2017</i>



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National Guard (MN) 168.12, subd. 2 (c)		Passenger class vehicle owned by member or retired member of MN National Guard	1,633
Personalized 168.12, subd. 2 (a)		Passenger class vehicle, one-ton pickup or self-propelled RV (any weight). Maximum of seven (7) characters including spaces and hyphens. Maximum six (6) characters on one-ton pickup and RV license plates. One-ton pickups and RV's are not subject to 7 year replacement.	79,441
Personalized Motorcycle 168.12, subd. 2 (a)		Motorcycle. Maximum six (6) characters due to smaller size of motorcycle license plate.	6,548
Personalized Motorcycle - Vertical 168.12, subd. 2 (a)		Motorcycle. Maximum four (4) characters due to smaller size of motorcycle license plate and vertical display.	553
"Proud to be a Veteran" 168.1255		Passenger class, One-Ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by a veteran of the US Armed Forces. At time of initial application there is a one- time contribution of \$30 to benefit the WWII memorial fund.	5,892
"Proud to be a Veteran" Motorcycle 168.1255		Motorcycle owned by a veteran of the US Armed Forces. At time of initial application there is a one- time contribution of \$30 to benefit the WWII memorial fund.	316
Ready Reserve 168.12, subd. 2 (d)		Passenger class vehicle owned by Ready Reservist	230
Remembering Victims of Impaired Drivers 168.121		Passenger class or pickup. No contribution or special qualifications. Plate is available to any motor vehicle owner	1,864

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Support our Troops M.S. 168.1298		Passenger Class Vehicles, one-ton pick-up trucks: Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special military families and veterans fund.	39,208
Support our Troops Motorcycle M.S. 168.1298		Motorcycle Requires minimum \$30 annual contribution to special military families and veterans fund.	3,037
Veteran: Afghanistan 168.123 subd. 2 (h)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or self-propelled RV owned by Afghan veteran who was awarded the Afghanistan service medal. *Current Computer System Limitations are interfering with accurate counts	2,183
Veteran: Afghanistan Motorcycle 168.123 subd. 1 (2)		Motorcycle owned by Afghan veteran who was awarded the Afghanistan service medal.	205
Veteran: Laos War (Allied Vet) 168.123, subd. 2 (g)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who served in the Laos war between 1 July 1961 and 30 June 1978.	129
Veteran: Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal 168.123 subd. 2 (h)(4)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal.	341
Veteran: Bronze Star 168.123 subd. 2 (k)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who is the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.	605
Veteran: Combat Wounded (Purple Heart) 168.123, subd. 2 (e)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by combat wounded member of the service who received the purple heart medal.	2,204
Veteran: Combat Wounded (Purple Heart) Motorcycle 168.123, subd. 2 (e)		Motorcycle owned by combat wounded member of the service who received the purple heart medal.	40

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Veteran: Ex-POW 168.125	 A blue Minnesota license plate with 'EXPLORE Minnesota.com' at the top, a POW medal icon, 'POW0000' in large letters, 'JAN' on the left, 'EX-POW' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, Recreational Vehicle, or motorcycle owned by applicant who is certified by Commissioner of Veterans Affairs as a former prisoner of war.	376
Veteran: Ex-POW (Spouse) 168.125	 A blue Minnesota license plate with 'EXPLORE Minnesota.com' at the top, a POW medal icon, 'POW0000' in large letters, 'JAN' on the left, 'EX-POW' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.	Surviving spouse of ex-POW may continue to display plates, but must pay regular registration taxes and fees at renewal.	16
Veteran: Global War on Terrorism (Expeditionary) M.S. 168.123 subd. 2 (h)	 A blue Minnesota license plate with 'EXPLORE Minnesota.com' at the top, a GWOT medal icon, 'AA000' in large letters, 'JAN' on the left, 'GWOT Veteran' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who was awarded the Global War on Terrorism expeditionary or service medal	2,263
Veteran: Global War on Terrorism (Service) M.S. 168.123 subd. 2 (h)	 A blue Minnesota license plate with 'EXPLORE Minnesota.com' at the top, a GWOT medal icon, 'AA000' in large letters, 'JAN' on the left, 'GWOT Veteran' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.		
Veteran: Global War on Terrorism Motorcycle 168.123, subd. 1 (2)	 A white Minnesota motorcycle license plate with 'Minnesota' at the top, '00000MV' in large letters, 'FEB' on the left, 'GWOT Vet' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.	Motorcycle owned by a veteran who was awarded the Global War on Terrorism expeditionary or service medal.	16
Veteran: Gulf War (Desert Storm) 168.123, subd. 2 (f)	 Two blue Minnesota license plates. The top one has 'EXPLORE Minnesota.com', a Gulf War medal icon, 'GW0000' in large letters, 'JAN' on the left, 'Gulf Vet' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right. The bottom one has 'EXPLORE Minnesota.com', a Gulf War medal icon, 'AA000' in large letters, 'JAN' on the left, 'Gulf War Vet' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who was issued SW Asia Service Medal after 1 August 1990 for service during operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, or other military action in the Persian Gulf area.	2,540
Veteran: Gulf War (Motorcycle) 168.123, subd. 1 (2)	 A white Minnesota motorcycle license plate with 'Minnesota' at the top, '00000MV' in large letters, 'FEB' on the left, 'Gulf Vet' at the bottom, and 'YEAR' on the right.	Motorcycle owned by veteran who has been awarded the SW Asia Service Medal after 1 August 1990 for service during operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, or other military action in the Persian Gulf area.	203

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Veteran: Iraq War 168.123 subd. 2 (h)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who was awarded the Iraq service medal.	6,616
Veteran: Iraq War Motorcycle 168.123, subd. 1 (2)		Motorcycle owned by veteran who was awarded the Iraq service medal.	599
Veteran: Korea 168.123, subd. 2 (d)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who served in Korean Conflict between 27 June 1950 and 30 January 1955.	1,777
Veteran: Korean Defense Service Medal 168.123, subd. 2 (j)		Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who received the Korean Defense Service Medal.	92
Veteran: Korean Defense Service Medal (Motorcycle) 168.123, subd. 2 (j)		Motorcycle owned by veteran who received the Korean Defense Service Medal.	4
Veteran: Medal of Honor 168.124		A passenger class vehicle, one-ton pickup Recreational Vehicle, or motorcycle which is not used for commercial purposes and is owned by a recipient of the Medal of Honor	0
Veteran: Pearl Harbor Survivor 168.123, subd 2(b)		Passenger class or Recreational Vehicle owned by a veteran who was stationed on the island of Oahu, Hawaii or offshore during the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941	15

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Veteran: Silver Star 168.123, subd. 2 (l)	 A sample Minnesota Silver Star Veteran license plate. It features a blue background with a silver star and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com" at the top. The plate number is "AA 000" in large black letters. Below the number, it says "JAN" on the left and "SILVER STAR VET" on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by veteran who is the recipient of the Silver Star Medal.	45
Veteran: Vietnam 168.123, subd. 2a	 Two sample Minnesota Vietnam Veteran license plates. The top plate is blue with a silhouette of a soldier and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com". The number is "0000AA" and it says "JAN" on the left and "Vietnam Vet" on the right. The bottom plate is blue with a gold medal and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com". The number is "000MV" and it says "JAN" on the left and "Vietnam Vet" on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by a veteran who served during the Vietnam Era between 1 July 1961 and 30 June 1978.	10,282
Veteran: Vietnam (Motorcycle) 168.123, subd. 2a	 A sample Minnesota Vietnam Veteran Motorcycle license plate. It is blue with the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com" at the top. The number is "00000MV" and it says "FEB" on the left and "Vietnam Vet" on the right.	Motorcycle owned by a veteran who served during the Vietnam Era between 1 July 1961 and 30 June 1978	633
Veteran: World War II 168.123, subd. 2 (c)(2)	 Two sample Minnesota World War II Veteran license plates. The top plate is blue with a silhouette of a soldier and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com". The number is "WII0000" and it says "JAN" on the left and "World War Vet" on the right. The bottom plate is blue with a gold medal and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com". The number is "WII0000" and it says "JAN" on the left and "World War Vet" on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by a veteran of WWII who served between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946.	838
Veteran: Woman Vet 168.123, subd. 2 (m)	 A sample Minnesota Woman Veteran license plate. It is blue with a silhouette of a woman and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com" at the top. The number is "AA 000" and it says "JAN" on the left and "Woman Veteran" on the right.	Passenger class, one-ton pickup, or Recreational Vehicle owned by an Honorably discharged Veteran	697
Veteran: Woman Vet motorcycle 168.123 subd. 2 (m)	 A sample Minnesota Woman Veteran Motorcycle license plate. It is blue with a silhouette of a woman and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com" at the top. The number is "AA 000" and it says "FEB" on the left and "Woman Veteran" on the right.	Motorcycle owned by an Honorably discharged Veteran	13
Volunteer Ambulance Attendant 168.12, subd. 2 (e)	 A sample Minnesota Volunteer Ambulance Attendant license plate. It is blue with a white Star of Life and the text "EXPLORE Minnesota.com" at the top. The number is "000AA" and it says "JAN" on the left and "10,000 lakes" on the right.	Passenger class vehicle owned by volunteer ambulance attendant as defined under Minn. Stat. 144.8091, subd. 2	1,237

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VFW, American Legion, & Disabled American Veteran 168.1235		Passenger class or self-propelled RV owned by member of a participating Chartered Veteran organization VFW American Legion or Disabled American Veterans (DAV)	1,437
Sesquicentennial Plates 168.1295 (DISCONTINUED)		Passenger vehicles, one-ton pick-ups, & recreational vehicles One-time \$25 contribution. Discontinued June 30, 2011	915