

FY2026-FY2027 Legislative Request



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SUPPORTING STUDENTS. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

270,000 STUDENTS | 54 CAMPUSES | 47 COMMUNITIES



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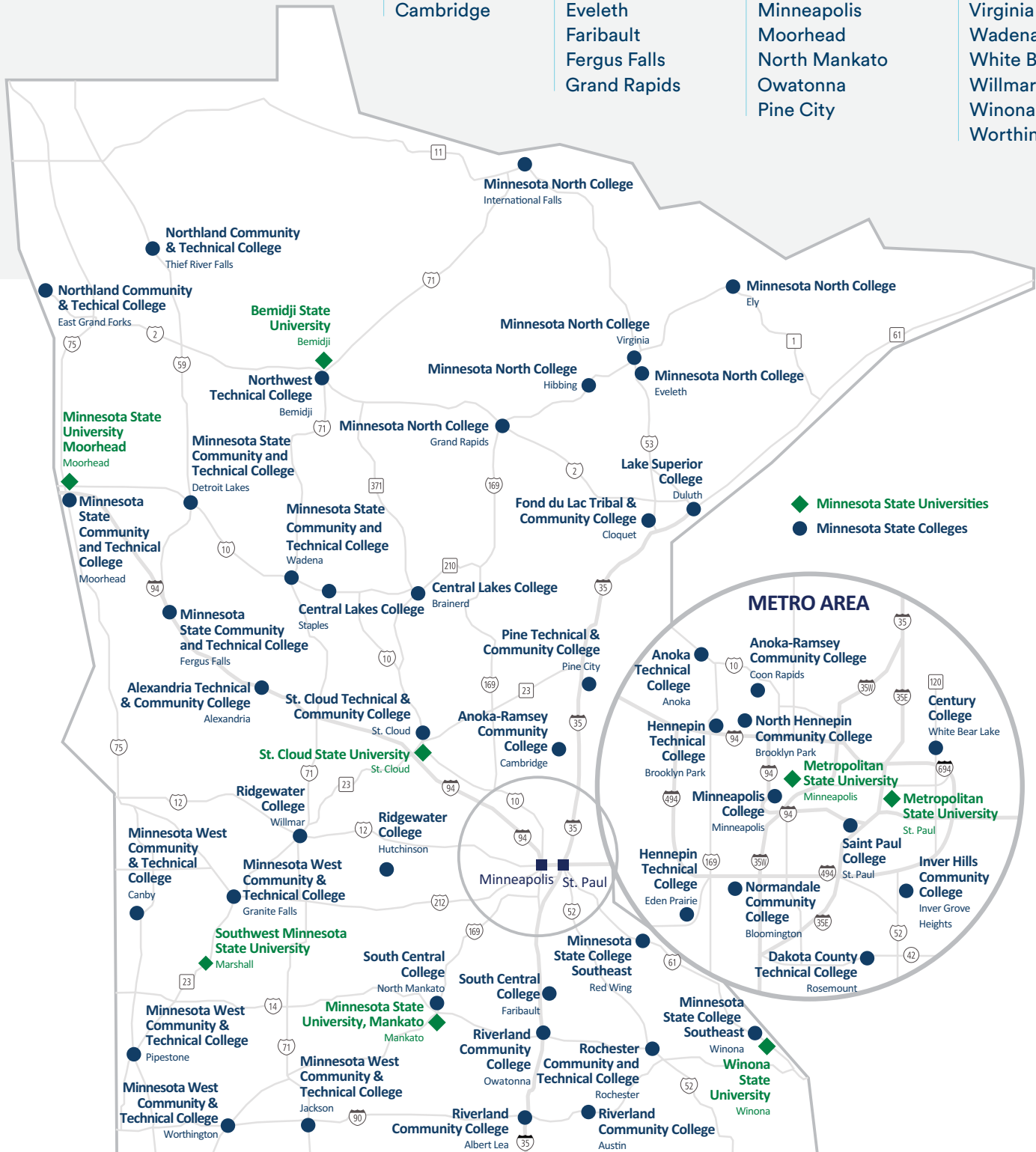
54 CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Albert Lea
Alexandria
Anoka
Austin
Bemidji
Bloomington
Brainerd
Brooklyn Park
Cambridge

Canby
Cloquet
Coon Rapids
Detroit Lakes
Duluth
East Grand Forks
Eden Prairie
Ely
Eveleth
Faribault
Fergus Falls
Grand Rapids

Granite Falls
Hibbing
Hutchinson
International Falls
Inver Grove Heights
Jackson
Mankato
Marshall
Minneapolis
Moorhead
North Mankato
Owatonna
Pine City

Pipestone
Red Wing
Rochester
Rosemount
St. Cloud
St. Paul
Staples
Thief River Falls
Virginia
Wadena
White Bear Lake
Willmar
Winona
Worthington



WE ARE Minnesota State

Minnesota State is the most powerful and effective resource that the state has to ensure opportunity and prosperity for its citizens and communities. Our 26 colleges and seven universities contribute to an engaged, equitable, and productive society and serve as catalysts for social and economic vibrancy. They are places of hope and opportunity for Minnesotans who strive to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities. Through our work, Minnesota State:

- » Serves 270,000 students annually
- » Meets the needs of students at all stages of their educational journey—high school students or recent grads, students returning to complete a degree or start another, and adults already in the workforce who need or want additional education or training
- » Serves more students of color and American Indian students and more low-income students than all other higher education providers in Minnesota combined
- » Produces more graduates for jobs in critical, high-demand fields such as healthcare and information technology than anyone else in the state
- » Serves thousands of businesses and employers each year and over 62,300 employees through customized training and continuing education for business
- » Forms partnerships with employers across the state to ensure graduates entering the workforce are ready to contribute the first day on the job

63,390

Black and Indigenous students, and students of color

38,463

first-generation college students

58,530

Students aged 25 or older

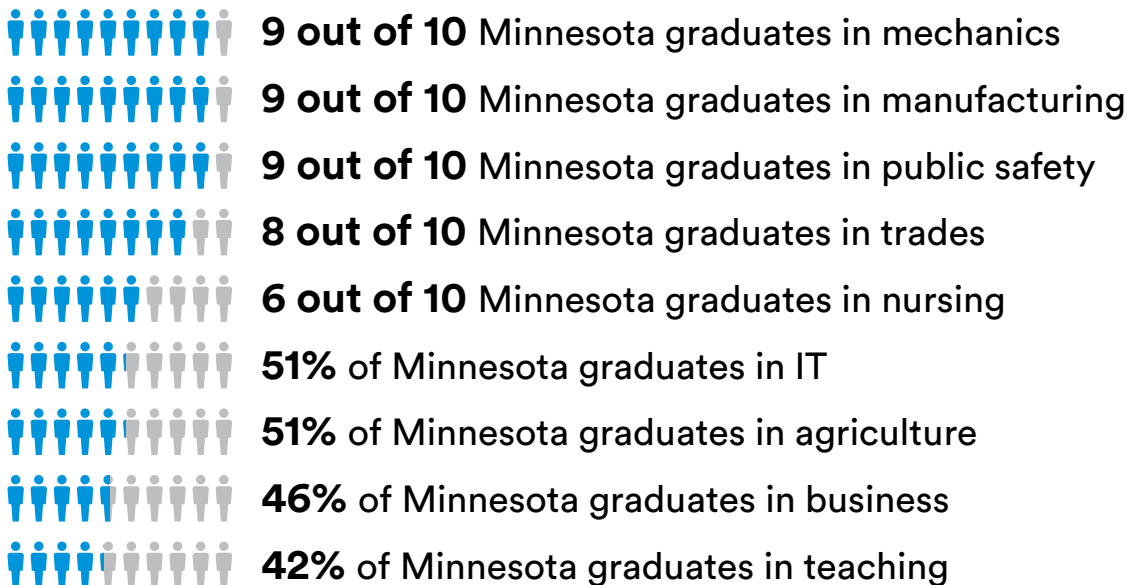
6,506

veterans and service members

53,323

low-income students

WE EDUCATE ...

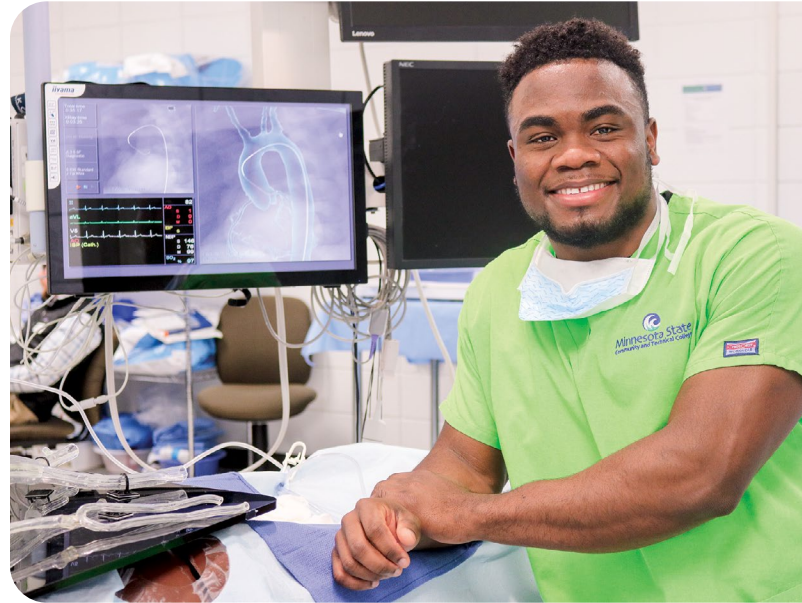


Minnesota State DEVELOPS THE TALENT BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES NEED

Minnesota State plays an essential role in delivering the talent employers need to grow and succeed. Each year, your 33 state colleges and universities provide an opportunity to 270,000 students to develop the knowledge and skills they need to better their lives. In addition to the 34,000 degrees Minnesota State grants each year, we are by far the state's largest provider of customized training and continuing education for business, serving over 62,300 employees and thousands of businesses and employers each year.

Minnesota State partners with employers to educate and train their workforce

Across Minnesota State, there are examples of partnerships with local and statewide employers to address workforce shortages. On many campuses, this work is done with a local Advisory Council, which seeks input from employers, alumni, and economic development professionals to ensure programming is tied to exactly what local employers need. The consistent focus among campus leaders is to ensure graduates have jobs that encourage them to stay in the region. More than 34,000 students graduate from our colleges and universities each year and use their know-how to help businesses, industries, public-sector organizations, nonprofits, and communities across the state to grow and thrive.



Minnesota State is addressing racial and economic disparities

The most effective strategy Minnesota has for narrowing its prosperity gap is to ensure all Minnesotans get the education they need to secure a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities. The diversity of our students is one of our greatest strengths. Minnesota State is proud to serve more students of color and American Indian students and more low-income students than all other higher education providers in Minnesota combined.

86%

percentage of graduates employed in a field related to their degree program within one year

7,000

number of businesses and organizations partnered with Minnesota State

9,600

number of customized and specialized training, occupation, and professional classes offered each year

62,300

number of Minnesota employees who take customized training or continuing education courses

Extraordinary Facts



fourth largest

system of colleges and universities in the United States



tuition in Minnesota



270,000 students

attend our colleges and universities each year



34,000+

degrees, certificates, and diplomas awarded each year



63%

of Minnesota resident students

who are pursuing an undergraduate credential are doing so at a Minnesota State college or university



4,112

academic programs to choose from



1,049

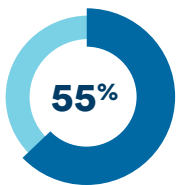
online programs to choose from



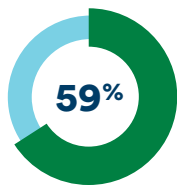
6,506

veterans and service members

attend a Minnesota State college or university each year



State Colleges



State Universities

percent of students who receive

financial aid

36–66%

of Minnesota State students graduate with no debt at all, depending on the academic award received

\$6,189

STATE COLLEGES

\$10,034

STATE UNIVERSITIES

Average Minnesota State college and university tuition and fees (before grants and scholarships)

FY2026–FY2027 Budget Request

\$465 million in new funding over the biennium

STUDENT SUPPORT

Helping Minnesota State students succeed

\$40 MILLION to directly support students' critical needs

- » **\$32.5 Million: Expand student support services**
 - › Funding provided directly to campuses for staffing to connect students to essential resources like basic needs support, Mantra Health mental health resources, and other campus-based student resources
- » **\$5.5 Million: Emergency grants**
 - › Funding for student emergency grants is essential as students fit their educational goals within the broader complexities of their lives. This request would add \$2.75 million per year to the \$2.25 million per year currently available through the Office of Higher Education to address unforeseen student needs
- » **\$2 Million: Textbooks**
 - › This initiative would continue current funding levels for the development of additional free course materials to make total costs for students more affordable

WORKFORCE-FOCUSED SUPPORT

The bridge between education and employment is vital to the state

\$40 MILLION to address the growth and advancement of Minnesota's workforce

- » **\$13.5 Million: Upgrade college and university equipment and learning environments**
 - › Continue the work of enhancing state-of-the-art equipment and learning environments for high-cost, high-need workforce programs
- » **\$4.5 Million: Increase workforce development scholarships**
 - › Expand the Workforce Development Scholarship programs, which would increase the base by \$2.25 million (50 percent) per year and broaden the types of programs for which the scholarships can be used



» **\$8.5 Million: Support high cost and high demand programs**

- › Support the maintenance of high-cost and high-demand career and technical, baccalaureate, and graduate programs

» **\$13.5 Million: Develop and expand industry sector programming**

- › Continue the work of developing and expanding industry sector programming to build capacity and support new and redesigned curricular options with an emphasis on offering students work-based learning experiences

STUDENT AFFORDABILITY AND SYSTEM OPERATIONS

Colleges and universities rely on state appropriation to cover a significant portion of their general fund operating budgets

\$285 MILLION to maintain academic programs and keep tuition affordable

- › This request would provide stable state funding to campuses to allow for an overall 5 percent increase in costs each year
- › The funding would move the system closer to the statutory goal of 67 percent of funding coming from the state and 33 percent of funding coming from students through tuition
- › Focused tuition flexibility would be provided if this request is fully funded



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The ability for colleges and universities to serve students is at risk because of infrastructure needs

\$100 MILLION in one-time funding to address the most urgent needs in critical infrastructure

» **\$50 Million: Asset preservation**

- › Critical building components have deteriorated faster than the limited funding made available through the HEAPR program. The funding would be allocated towards roofs, HVAC and other health, life and safety systems that protect our students and strengthen communities

» **\$25 Million: Building demolition and site repurposing**

- › Buildings that can no longer be used are a hazard that drain resources and deter recruiting. Building demolition is not a cost that can be supported with state bond proceeds. Funds would reduce operation and maintenance costs and create safe green space to better connect students and community to the campus

» **\$25 Million: Development of the new Workday student planning system**

- › The Workday student system, part of the broader NextGen Enterprise Resource Planning system, will manage student enrollment, finances, and work services while streamlining administrative processes system-wide. This student planning system will be significantly more intuitive and user-friendly than what is available to students currently, providing them with a fully integrated, online digital experience



LOCATION:
Alexandria

alextech.edu | Michael Seymour, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 3,857 Credit-Seeking Students | **15.3%** Pell Eligible | **9.9%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$5.1 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$686,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Alexandria Technical & Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Alexandria Technical & Community College students will experience better indoor air quality, less noise, and greater comfort by addressing the campus’s HVAC **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Alexandria Technical and Community College (ATCC) is a two-year comprehensive college offering technical and transfer degrees, certificates, and diplomas. ATCC serves regional high school students through PSEO, Concurrent Enrollment, and Online College in the High School. ATCC also serves regional industries including manufacturing, healthcare, public safety, and transportation. ATCC’s largest programs include diesel mechanic, public safety, nursing, liberal arts and sciences, and welding technology.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » 99.2% job placement rate provides employers with a skilled workforce
- » PSEO and concurrent enrollment programs serve regional high school students
- » Online College in the High School gives students in rural school districts statewide access to college courses that reduce the cost of college

- » Transfer programs continue to expand and become easier to navigate with the implementation of Transfer Pathways
- » Unique programs in cybersecurity, virtualization, networking, mechatronics, speech-language pathology assistant, communication design, and interior design

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **3M:** Supplies grant money to encourage high school students to enter high-skill, high-demand fields
- » **Ziegler CAT:** Provides diesel mechanic students with sponsorships and internships
- » **Vivie, formerly Knute Nelson and Walker Methodist:** Partners with the college and local high schools in providing a certified nursing assistant program
- » **Minnesota Department of Public Safety:** Partners for emergency dispatch training statewide



FROM AN ALUM:

“Alexandria Technical & Community College provided me with the education, support and skills to land my dream job following graduation. From instructors with extensive experience relating to my program to the experience I gained from my work study position, I feel Alexandria College gave me everything I needed to succeed.”

– Ellen O., ‘23 graduate



LOCATION:
Anoka

NOTE: Anoka Technical College is aligned with Anoka-Ramsey Community College under one president.



anokatech.edu | Kent Hanson, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 2,197 Credit-Seeking Students | 34.5% Pell Eligible | 32.9% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$2.7 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$642,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Anoka Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Anoka Technical College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Anoka Technical College is a career and technical college providing high-quality, skills-based training in fields that meet the demands of the economy and employers. The college serves traditional age students, as well as career changers, displaced workers, and other adults wishing to upgrade technical skills.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Each year, Anoka Tech and Anoka-Ramsey generate \$371.7 million in economic impact, as well as produce 1,775 graduates, and support and sustain 3,198 jobs
- » On-site partnerships with Anoka-Hennepin STEP High School and Anoka-Hennepin Technical High School
- » One of the only judicial reporting programs in the Upper Midwest
- » Health and health technology programs graduate necessary workers in practical nursing, surgical technology, occupational therapy, medical assisting, emergency medical services, and paramedic roles

- » 100% job placement rate in advanced welding, construction electrician, judicial reporting, and electronic engineering programs
- » Addition of a five-axis mill moves Anoka Tech forward as a leader with state-of-the-art training for machining programs that serve area businesses with skilled employees

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Minnesota Center of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing
- » State and county legislators, industry partners, and community leaders who came together to fund a five-axis mill
- » Industry partners, like Prima Power Laserdyne, provide cutting-edge technology to support student learning in programs like laser and robotic welding
- » Allina Health Systems is an advisory partner and offers clinicals and internships



FROM A STUDENT:

“The administration process at Anoka Tech was easy. It was convenient. I’ve been a stay-at-home mom for the past 12 years. I always dreamed of earning a degree. I could do an online program and I could still be at home and get ready to go to work full-time.”

– Lauren Thomas '24, legal office specialist AAS



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LOCATION:
Cambridge
Coon Rapids

NOTE: Anoka-Ramsey Community College is aligned with Anoka Technical College under one president.

anokaramsey.edu | Kent Hanson, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 10,432 Credit-Seeking Students | 21.9% Pell Eligible | 30.8% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$11.5 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.9 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Anoka-Ramsey Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Anoka-Ramsey Community College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Anoka-Ramsey is one of the largest community colleges, by enrollment, in Minnesota State. Its two campuses are located on the banks of the Mississippi River in Coon Rapids, and 40 miles north along the Rum River in Cambridge. A comprehensive higher education institution, it offers associate degrees, liberal arts/general studies certificates, and advanced degrees.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Each year, Anoka-Ramsey and Anoka Tech generate \$371.7 million in economic impact, as well as produce 1,775 graduates, and support and sustain 3,198 jobs
- » One of the largest providers of concurrent enrollment and PSEO, allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school
- » Created the first Early College program in Minnesota in partnership with Irondale High School

- » One of the largest nursing programs in the state, preparing graduates for high-demand occupations
- » Numerous opportunities for baccalaureate degree completion on both campuses

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **K–12 School Districts:** Anoka-Ramsey partners with 17 high schools in the delivery of concurrent enrollment courses. Concurrent enrollment students account for 24.6% of the student body at Anoka-Ramsey
- » **Anoka County Workforce Center (ACWC):** ACWC offers a wide variety of employment-related services to both job seekers and employers, supporting Anoka-Ramsey students and academic programs
- » **Allina Health Systems:** Partners with nursing program to provide clinical experiences, scholarships, and service on the program advisory board



FROM A STUDENT:

“At Anoka-Ramsey you’re not just another number. You are important. You are valued. They want to see you grow. They want to celebrate it. Anoka-Ramsey provided me with support and incredible opportunities for academic and personal growth.”

– Pamela Gilbertson '24, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree



LOCATION:
Bemidji

NOTE: Bemidji State University is aligned with Northwest Technical College under one president.

bemidjistate.edu | John Hoffman, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 5,062 Credit-Seeking Students | **28.1%** Pell Eligible | **16.6%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$9.1 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$903,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Bemidji State University students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Bemidji State University students will experience a safe and structurally sound environment by addressing the campus’s roofing **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Bemidji State University (BSU) educates people to lead inspired lives. Located among the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota, BSU offers degrees in more than 70 undergraduate areas of study and nine graduate programs. BSU is guided by Shared Fundamental Values: civic engagement and leadership, international and multicultural understanding, belief in the power of liberal arts, and environmental stewardship.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » BSU is the only U.S. school offering an undergraduate degree in 3-D design for exhibits, conferences, and industry. Thanks to a strong partnership with industry professionals and alumni support, the program is a source of talent for the entire world
- » BSU’s innovative biology program offers an array of programs, including majors in aquatic or wildlife biology, medical lab science or education, with minors in aquatic systems, wetlands ecology and more. BSU graduates pursue careers in fish and wildlife management, invasive species eradication, and conservation

- » BSU is a leader in the graduation of American Indian students, including 66 students in 2023

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Sanford Bemidji Medical Center:** Provides hands-on learning opportunities for nursing students to serve patients and strengthen the quality of care available to the northern Minnesota region
- » **Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence:** The headquarters for a consortium that includes BSU and 14 technical and community colleges to meet the needs of the region’s employers by preparing individuals for rewarding careers in manufacturing
- » **Institute for Indigenous Education and Practice:** Founded in the fall of 2022, this emerging resource will serve as a statewide hub for development of course curricula, training, and professional development materials and support campus-level plans to increase access and success for Minnesota’s American Indian students
- » **Polaris:** A new program launched in 2024 allows recent high school graduates to begin working immediately at the Polaris factory in Warroad, Minn., while taking online classes at BSU



FROM A STUDENT:

“My goal is to attend law school and become a lawyer. Bemidji State has an excellent program to help students achieve this goal, and I’m excited to be on this journey.”

– Ben Corradi, BSU student, political science



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LOCATION:
Brainerd
Staples

clcmn.edu | Hara Charlier, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 5,827 Credit-Seeking Students | 16.4% Pell Eligible | 11% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$6.1 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Central Lakes College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Central Lakes College students will experience better indoor air quality, less noise, and greater comfort by addressing the campus’s HVAC **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Nestled in the premier recreational area of Minnesota, Central Lakes College (CLC) is a comprehensive community and technical college offering a wide range of pathways in both liberal arts/transfer and technical education programs.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Adding a Dental Hygiene program in 2025 to help fill a much-needed shortage of hygienists in the region and the state
- » Expanded food pantries on both the Brainerd and Staples campuses, offering students more free healthy food options
- » A leader in transportation technology, with programs in heavy equipment operation, diesel technology, and automotive technology
- » Started an Emergency Medical Response Technician program to help fill the need for trained EMT professionals
- » Partners with about 30 area high schools to offer College in the Schools
- » Partnerships with area businesses get students working in the field before graduation

- » CLC was the first college in the state to offer the Z-Degree. CLC offers a wide-array of zero or low textbook cost classes. Students can earn their Associate of Arts (AA) Degree completely textbook-free
- » Created “The Hub” —the go-to spot on campus for resources like mental health, community programs, and some medical resources

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Minnesota DNR Enforcement, DNR Forestry, Camp Ripley, and Crow Wing County:** Partnership for students in the Natural Resources program
- » **Crow Wing County Fair:** Provides hands-on learning opportunities for students in welding, public safety, marine and powersports, and graphic design programs
- » **Clow Stamping, Brunswick, Pequot Tool & Manufacturing, and Ryerson:** Donate steel and supplies to the welding program
- » Local healthcare clinical partners such as Essentia Health, Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Lakewood Health System, St. Gabriel’s Hospital, and more



FROM AN ALUM:

“After five years in the Army, I wanted to continue helping others, and nursing was the perfect fit. I chose Central Lakes College because of its strong reputation, and the instructors have been amazing—knowledgeable, supportive, and great teachers. The veteran resources at CLC have also been a huge help. I’m excited to start my career as an RN.”

– Alexander Schirmers, '24 Nursing AS Degree Student



LOCATION:
White Bear Lake

century.edu | Angelia Millender, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 11,030 Credit-Seeking Students | **33.3%** Pell Eligible | **45.1%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$13.4 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$2.5 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Century College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Century College students will experience better indoor air quality, less noise, and greater comfort by addressing the campus’s HVAC **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Century College is Minnesota’s largest comprehensive two-year community and technical college, offering degrees, diplomas, and certificates that prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers and provide seamless liberal arts and science transfer pathways toward advanced degrees. Century College’s non-credit programs offer customized training opportunities for businesses in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and industries throughout the Twin Cities.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Serving nearly 18,000 credit and non-credit students each year
- » Graduating 1,722 students annually and awarding 2,167 credentials
- » Bridging Minnesota’s Skills Gap through advanced facilities, award-winning programs, and strong community and industry partnerships
- » Generating an annual economic impact of \$386.5 million, supporting 3,269 jobs statewide

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Concurrent Enrollment:** Partners with nine high schools, providing

over 850 students with a direct pathway to post-secondary education

- » **Xcel Energy:** Supports scholarships for students in clean energy, welding, and skilled trades programs, preparing a workforce for the future of clean energy
- » **Walser Foundation and Buerkle Automotive Group:** Funded a state-of-the-art auto body paint booth to enhance the auto body program
- » **Cargill Foundation:** Provides resources for students in the orthotics and prosthetics program, enhancing training and access to industry-grade equipment
- » **Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation:** Provides support to expand the Community Dental Clinic and train more dental hygiene and dental assistant students
- » **Continuing Education and Customized Training:** Delivers training in public safety, business, technology, health/human services, and manufacturing
- » **National Science Foundation (NSF):** Funds the PRISM S-STEM grant, a Century College initiative to enhance STEM student success and support STEM transfers



FROM AN ALUM:

“Century College’s affordability made it possible for me to graduate debt-free, saving me thousands and giving me a strong start. I’m grateful to have achieved my education without the weight of student debt.”

– Lydia Maule, Medical Assisting alumna



LOCATION:
Rosemount

NOTE: Dakota County Technical College is aligned with Inver Hills Community College under one president.

dctc.edu | Michael Berndt, President

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 3,660 Credit-Seeking Students | **27.3%** Pell Eligible | **31.8%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$5.4 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$771,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Dakota County Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Dakota County Technical College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) provides highly skilled and technical training for today’s most in-demand jobs with 40 degree programs and more than 55 certificate and diploma programs in areas ranging from construction and manufacturing to healthcare to visual arts to business and more.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » 88% of graduates reported employment related to their program following graduation (2023)
- » 90% of students surveyed said that their college experience met/ exceeded their expectations
- » Ranked nationally by Military Times Best for Vets 11 years in a row
- » Student to faculty ratio is 22:1
- » TRIO SSS provides support to first-generation college students, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities
- » A network of student support services provides resources for all students to thrive academically and become contributing members of the workforce
- » Received the Gold Seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (2022 campus voting rate)

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Partner with non-profits to ensure people from under-represented populations have access to career education, including: the Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM), an educational partner providing Class A Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) training for refugees from Burma; and Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES), an educational partner providing Class A Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) training and Boiler operation training for Latinas
- » Partner with Scott County Community Development Association, SW Metro High School and the Shakopee Chamber to develop the Career Lyft program, delivering free education for Scott County residents with economic challenges helping them with training, finding employment, and starting a career
- » Open Door and Kitchen Coalition provides food for students using the college Food Pantry
- » District 196 Adult Basic Education provides embedded instruction in the developmental components (math, reading, and writing) of co-requisite courses



FROM A DONOR:

“We’re happy to donate a Ford pickup truck to the DCTC Automotive Service Technology program. It is important for students to have access to new vehicles and new technology. The experience and knowledge they will gain is indispensable. I’m excited for the current technicians in the program and the ones to come.”

– Scott Roberts, Apple Ford Apple Valley, Fixed Operations Director



LOCATION:
Cloquet

fdltcc.edu | Anita Hanson, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 2,029 Credit-Seeking Students | **22.1%** Pell Eligible | **23.7%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$2.1 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$361,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus's most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College (FDLTCC) brings together a Tribal college and state community college to serve the higher education needs of the Fond du Lac reservation and area communities. FDLTCC prides itself in offering educational opportunities in a welcoming, culturally diverse environment and its Union or Cultures is among its greatest strengths. FDLTCC looks forward to serving its students and communities for years to come.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » The college has added more than 1,200 graduates to the region over the past five years, more than 200 of whom are American Indians
- » On average, graduates more than 30 public safety students each year who enter careers in public safety and protection
- » Offers environmental institute programs, including research and land grant extension education, featuring a STEM emphasis

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa:** Partnership ranging from student preparation to curriculum to employment and occupational training
- » **Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe:** Provides academic outreach and occupational training via ITV and on-site training
- » **Fond du Lac Ojibwe School:** Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College provides College Connect, a college preparation program for students who otherwise would not have access to an introduction to postsecondary education
- » **USDA and Leech Lake Tribal College:** Part of the USDA's inaugural From Learning to Leading: Cultivating the Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals Program (NextGen). Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College and Leech Lake Tribal College are building sustainable educational and experiential systems that prepare Tribal college students to enter agricultural and STEM workforces



FROM AN ALUM:

"FDLTCC has shown me that no matter your age, background or ethnicity you matter. Everyone at FDLTCC wants you to succeed and they are your biggest cheerleaders."

– Tanya Attalian, '24 alum



MINNESOTA STATE



Hennepin Technical College



LOCATION:
Brooklyn Park
Eden Prairie

hennepintech.edu | Joy Bodin, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 5,994 Credit-Seeking Students | 27.5% Pell Eligible | 47.4% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$8.1 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.1 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Hennepin Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Hennepin Technical College students will experience a safe and structurally sound environment by addressing the campus’s roofing **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Hennepin Technical College (Hennepin Tech) is the largest stand-alone technical college in Minnesota State, offering more than 40 programs that prepare students to enter in-demand careers in fields that include manufacturing, construction trades, healthcare, transportation, peace officer/public safety, and information technology.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Ranked #24 nationally for conferring degrees to students of color in engineering technologies (Source: Diverse Issues in Higher Education)
- » Among the largest customized training and business solutions providers in Minnesota that addresses business and industry needs
- » Designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Administration (NSA)
- » Provides mentoring for people entering non-traditional careers such as women in engineering technologies
- » Ranks in the top 50 among two-year colleges for affordability and career success for graduates (WalletHub)

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Robotics apprenticeship:** Students receive free college tuition and are paid to work at a leading manufacturing company. Hennepin Tech is the only college in Minnesota to offer the program through the Industry Consortium for Advanced Technical Training
- » **Ford ASSET:** This innovative program is the only one of its kind in the Upper Midwest and combines automotive training and internship experiences at sponsoring dealerships
- » **Pathways:** Hennepin Tech maintains strong partnerships with area school districts to provide educational pathways for high school students pursuing technical careers. (Partners: Metro South, Intermediate District 287, MNCAPS, and 10 high schools in the Hennepin West Perkins Consortium)
- » **Industry partners: 300** representatives from leading employers volunteer as Advisory Board members. Their input on curriculum ensures students prepare for today’s industry needs. Participants include: CenterPoint Energy, Delkor Systems, Graco, and Toro



FROM A STUDENT:

“I am a visual learner. In my classroom labs, I have the opportunity to learn by working on equipment. I don’t want to do just math equations from a book and watch videos of other people working. I want to learn by doing.”

– Omar Lopez-Sanchez, automation robotics and engineering technology student



LOCATION:
Inver Grove Heights

NOTE: Inver Hills Community College is aligned with Dakota County Technical College under one president.

inverhills.edu | Michael Berndt, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 4,990 Credit-Seeking Students | **24.4%** Pell Eligible | **41.2%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$6.1 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Inver Hills Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Inver Hills Community College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Inver Hills Community College is a place where students get an affordable, high-quality education in a supportive environment. Inver Hills provides an experience defined by small class sizes and personalized attention from faculty that prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or enter the workforce directly.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » 92% of students surveyed said that their college experience met/exceeded their expectations
- » Selected as semifinalist for the U.S. Department of Education’s Postsecondary Success Recognition Program
- » Ranked nationally by Military Times Best for Vets
- » Student to faculty ratio is 20:1
- » TRIO SSS provides support to first-generation college students, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities
- » Student support services provide resources for students to thrive
- » Received the Gold Seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (2022 campus voting rate)

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM) and Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES):** ensure people from under-represented populations have access to career education
- » **Scott County Community Development Association, SW Metro High School, and the Shakopee Chamber:** develop the Career Lyft program
- » **Open Door and Kitchen Coalition:** provides food for students using the college Food Pantry
- » **District 196 Adult Basic Education:** provides embedded instruction in the developmental components of co-requisite courses
- » **Hennepin County Paramedic Association:** mentors students around healthcare education
- » **Hennepin County Medical Center:** offers employees and paramedic students a pathway to an Associate in Emergency Medical Services
- » **South Suburban Adult Basic Education:** provides math courses on the Inver Hills campus
- » **Burnsville High School:** designed curriculum for students to complete their AA degree upon graduation



FROM A STUDENT:

“I decided to pursue a Paralegal certificate at Inver because I am often complimented on my attention to detail, critical thinking, organizational skills, writing skills, and time management—skills successful paralegals possess. This certificate will aid in advancement opportunities.”

– Amelia Benoit, Paralegal Program Student



LOCATION:
Duluth

lsc.edu | Patricia Rogers, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 5,361 Credit-Seeking Students | 19.9% Pell Eligible | 13.6% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$6.6 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$860,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Lake Superior College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Lake Superior College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Lake Superior College (LSC) offers a fully transferable AA degree and more than 90 career-oriented technical certificate, diploma, and degree programs, including aviation, nursing and healthcare specialties, manufacturing, and IT. LSC also provides workforce training and continuing education for business and industry.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Each year, LSC generates \$195.9 million in economic impact, as well as produces 1,150 graduates, and supports and sustains 1,843 jobs
- » Addresses workforce needs for aviation maintenance technicians with AAR Aircraft Services and Cirrus Aircraft
- » Provides training and services for women interested in machining careers with the City of Duluth, the WorkForce Center, SOAR Career Solutions, and Adult Basic Education
- » Partners with healthcare providers and K–12 schools to provide summer career camps in nursing, cybersecurity, machining, welding, aviation, robotics, firefighting, and more

- » Offers a practical nursing degree in six months for veterans with military medic training
- » Designated as a 2024 Center of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education
- » LSC participates in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, which brings together campus-based students with incarcerated students for a semester-long course. It is the only higher education institution in Minnesota that incorporates it within a degree program

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **MnDOT Technical Certification program:** Provides statewide construction competency and safety training to personnel working on bridges and roads
- » **Enbridge Energy Partners:** Provides industrial fire and safety training to a major oil and gas employer
- » **Essentia Health and Aspirus/St. Luke’s Healthcare System:** Provides crucial training such as health certifications, refresher coursework, and clinical partnerships



FROM A STUDENT:

“I was impressed that LSC offered both aircraft mechanic and professional pilot programs. After I complete the aviation maintenance technician program, I plan to become a pilot. I believe I will be a better pilot if I understand the mechanics of an airplane first.”

– Joseph Bassomo, aviation maintenance technician student



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:
Minneapolis
St. Paul

metrostate.edu | Ginny Arthur, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 8,510 Credit-Seeking Students | **47.4%** Pell Eligible | **54.2%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$12.9 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.8 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Metro State University students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Metro State University students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Metro State University offers bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral programs to students at all stages of their journeys—from traditional to transfers to working adults—across the Twin Cities and online. Metro State students access experiential instruction and convenient program delivery enriched by a diverse environment, mutually beneficial engagement with our communities, and robust civic and community engagement.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » National Security Agency Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Defense Education, with the largest baccalaureate program in Minnesota and an industry-focused Master’s in cyber operations degree program
- » Ranked in the top 2.7% and #31 in the nation on CollegeNet’s 2024 Social Mobility index ratings
- » Developing culturally diverse professionals in key sectors with workforce shortages such as cybersecurity, nursing, and teachers of color in urban education, among others

- » Engage community and technical college partners to provide seamless bachelor’s degree completion and supportive student services
- » Faculty prepare diverse classes of students to close achievement and workforce talent gaps in Minnesota

PARTNERSHIPS

- » 3M, Allina Health, Ameriprise Financial, Andersen Corporation, Baker Tilly, Best Buy, Bremer Bank, Children’s Minnesota, Fairview Health Services, Hennepin County, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Legislative Auditor, SPS Commerce, State of Minnesota MMB, Target, UHG, US Bank, and Xcel Energy
- » **Apprenticeship Pilots:** Children’s Minnesota, Fraser, KPMG, Minneapolis Public Schools, Securian, and Touchstone



FROM A STUDENT:

“Metro State University has impacted my life significantly. The staff and faculty have helped me feel supported regardless of my background or situation. I was at a financial breaking point, unsure how I could fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse. The North Star Promise scholarship changed everything by covering my tuition and relieving that financial strain.”

– Shirly Moua, North Star Promise scholarship recipient



LOCATION:
Minneapolis

minneapolis.edu | Sharon Pierce, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 9,203 Credit-Seeking Students | 40.6% Pell Eligible | 59.9% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$10.6 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$2.1 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minneapolis College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minneapolis College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

As a comprehensive public community and technical college, Minneapolis College offers over 100 liberal arts and career and technical programs. Minneapolis College has strong ties to industry partners that help fund scholarships, provide training, equipment, and internship and employment opportunities.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Providing high-quality, lifelong learning programs in the heart of the city. Located on the edge of downtown Minneapolis along the arts corridor
- » Approximately 1,000 students earn a degree from Minneapolis College each year. Courses are offered during the day and evening in face-to-face, online, and blended modalities
- » Supporting Minneapolis College’s breadth of student experiences are numerous services, from academic advising and tutoring to housing coordinators, two TRIO programs, veterans support staff, career services, a health clinic, accessibility resources, and more

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Minneapolis College partners with businesses, community

organizations, school districts and individuals on workforce development, service, philanthropy, and more

- » Partners: Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center, Youthprise, YMCA Beacons, Second Harvest, DEED, Workforce Center, Veterans Affairs, Americorps, Ampact, Groveland Emergency Food Shelf, Raise the Barr, Northside Achievement Zone, YouthLink, EMERGE, Minneapolis Urban League, Project for Pride in Living, local workforce centers
- » Experiential learning opportunities are facilitated through apprenticeships, internships, and partnerships with Twin Cities-area private and public organizations, including Delta Airlines, the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and US Bank
- » Wellstone International High School (a Minneapolis Public School) is located on campus, providing a unique, inclusive environment for multilingual students ages 17-21. Here, students can earn college credits, complete high school, and develop English skills to support their future goals
- » College in Prison (TREC): Partnership with the Department of Corrections offering degree programs at three correctional facilities



FROM AN ALUM AND BUSINESS OWNER:

“Minneapolis College enabled me to see things differently and bring ideas to life that support our community while keeping my culture at the forefront.”

– Roberto Palma, alum and business owner, K’kinaco Nikkei and Pisco Bar



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:

Ely, Eveleth, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, International Falls, Virginia

minnesotanorth.edu | Michael Raich, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 3,729 Credit-Seeking Students | **30.7%** Pell Eligible | **20.4%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$7.5 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$852,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minnesota North College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minnesota North College students will experience a safe and structurally sound environment by addressing the campus’s roofing **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Minnesota North College is a comprehensive community and technical college with six campuses immersed in the wilderness of northeastern Minnesota. Minnesota North College specializes in industrial trades, healthcare, engineering, natural sciences/outdoor recreation, information technology, culinary arts, public safety, veterinary, and transfer programming that all support the regional economy. Student success rate is 72% and the three-year graduation rate is 61%.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Customized Training Solutions deliver regional training to approximately 10,000 people across northern Minnesota
- » **EMPOWER:** a grant for female students looking at careers where women are underrepresented in the workforce
- » Hands-on and Learning Community encouraging student learning from peers and faculty in a variety of settings
- » **AspireNorth Initiative:** a Blandin Foundation capacity-building grant award that increased external grant funding received by \$4.3 million and increased access to educational

opportunities through off-campus remote training strategies

- » Recipient of National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education grant to support transportation programming in advanced diagnostics for autonomous and electric vehicle applications

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) in workforce development
- » Iron Range Engineering (IRE), a partnership with Minnesota State University, Mankato
- » Customized Training Solutions partnered with the Northland Foundation to develop “Workforce Training Roadmaps” for three Tribal nations, and three counties
- » Partner with regional community action agency AEOA to help remove barriers to entry for non-traditional adult learners
- » Delivered welding courses to The Forge, a non-profit business incubator space that serves greater Itasca County
- » **National Park Service:** One of seven accredited federal public safety programs for National Park Rangers



FROM AN ALUM:

“The community college system is underappreciated for the important work it does. It truly sets the standard for value in postsecondary education. I wish more people took advantage of this opportunity—it’s an effective way to expand people’s horizons, particularly when time and funds are limited.”

– David C. Herman, MD, Essentia Health CEO and alumnus



LOCATION:
Red Wing
Winona

southeastmn.edu | Marsha Danielson, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 2,598 Credit-Seeking Students | **22.7%** Pell Eligible | **14.4%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » **\$3.5 million in student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » **\$540,000** for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minnesota State College Southeast students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minnesota State College Southeast students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Based in Red Wing and Winona, Minnesota State College Southeast provides students with a flexible, affordable, inclusive, and equitable college environment and a clear sense of direction. College faculty and staff support students in reaching their goals, whether that be earning an academic award, transferring to university to complete a bachelor’s degree, or attaining career skills.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » More than 90 certificates, diplomas, and degrees in 30+ career/tech areas, including Transfer Pathways and associate of arts degrees
- » Advisory Committees made up of business and industry leaders help programs stay current in curricula and equipment
- » State-of-the-art lab facilities provide real-life, hands-on learning experiences

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Red Wing College Promise:** Funded by the Jones Family Foundation, this program ensures that every qualifying new graduate from Red Wing Public Schools has access to two years of education at Southeast

- » **College Opportunity Program:** Partnering with business, industry, and philanthropists in the Winona area to provide tuition-free education at Southeast to Winona-area students
- » **Habitat for Humanity serving Winona County:** Construction technology students are rehabbing existing houses and building new homes for Habitat families
- » **Pathway to Prosperity:** Partnership with CareerForce, Workforce Development Inc., Winona Area Public Schools, and Hiawatha Valley Adult Education providing accelerated training in manufacturing, CNC, and welding to underrepresented, underserved, and disadvantaged adults
- » **Goodhue County Education District:** Implementing “Learn and Earn” training for regional high school students to obtain paid work experience with local manufacturing and businesses
- » **Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Grants:** Working with regional industry partners to provide on-site mechatronics training to incumbent workers in Winona and Red Wing



FROM A STUDENT:

“I was excited and nervous the first day, but at the same time I felt comforted by how small the college was. I’m eager to learn as much as I can, building my confidence and newfound skills.”

– Kieran Hafner, Violin Repair and Making program



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:

Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls
Moorhead, Wadena

minnesota.edu | Carrie Brimhall, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 6,556 Credit-Seeking Students | 27.6% Pell Eligible | 22.1% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$8.4 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.3 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minnesota State Community and Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minnesota State Community and Technical College students will experience better indoor air quality, less noise, and greater comfort by addressing the campus’s HVAC **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Minnesota State Community and Technical College (M State) offers 70 career and liberal arts degrees and certificates, that can be completed in two years or less including unique programs in agribusiness, digital marketing, electrical lineworker technology, music, power sports technology and sonography-echocardiography.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » 97% placement rate among M State graduates
- » Over 100 OER (open educational resources) courses which save students up to \$2,000 per year
- » More than 9,000 workers trained annually for long-term career success
- » Workforce training demand continues to grow at a rapid rate, especially in the areas of CDL, welding, healthcare, business, and leadership
- » More than 2,637 high school students from 48 high schools earn M State credits through college courses at their high schools, M State campuses, or online
- » More than 26,912 college credits have been completed by high school students, saving families approximately \$4,865,689 in tuition

- » 19-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio

PARTNERSHIPS

- » The Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber, through an Economic Development Administration grant, received funding to provide Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and welding training to underrepresented populations. This initiative aims to offer critical skills training, promote workforce development, and create economic opportunities in the region, with M State serving as the training provider
- » M State, in collaboration with Otter Tail County’s Empowered Worker Program, is dedicated to transforming lives through targeted training and personalized support. This initiative enables participants to overcome employment barriers and secure high-demand, sustainable jobs, tapping into our community’s underutilized talent to strengthen and diversify our local workforce
- » Xcel Energy and the Minnesota State Energy Center of Excellence work with M State to offer the electrical line worker program in the Twin Cities metro area. Two cohorts have graduated from the Energy Careers Academy (ECA), and the next cohort will begin fall 2025



FROM AN ALUM:

“Tuition is so affordable, and the quality of the instructors and curriculum is top notch. It’s also very easy to fit classes into a professional schedule. It’s important to keep learning new things, at every stage of your life and career, and M State makes it easy to do.”

– Lisa Workman, President of the Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce



LOCATION:
Mankato

mnsu.edu | Edward Inch, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 18,040 Credit-Seeking Students | **20.5%** Pell Eligible | **18.7%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$28.5 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$3 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minnesota State University, Mankato students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minnesota State University, Mankato students will experience a safe and structurally sound environment by addressing the campus's roofing **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Since its founding in 1868, Minnesota State University, Mankato has been an institution where real-world thinking helps students transform their big ideas into inspired action. It is the second largest public university in Minnesota, with 140 undergraduate, 80 graduate, and five doctoral programs. The faculty, students, and staff at Minnesota State Mankato are committed to finding solutions that make life better for people in our state, our region, and our world.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » Minnesota State Mankato established the School of Applied Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, which will change the way we educate and prepare leaders to have an impact on the agriculture and food industries in Southern Minnesota and beyond
- » High-impact experiences and project-based learning are a key component of several programs at Minnesota State Mankato, including integrated engineering and computer science

- » The Maverick Peer-Facilitated Academic Support System (MavPASS) was recognized by the International Center for Supplemental Instruction in 2024. Since MavPASS began in 2019, more than 20,000 students have taken part, with elevated grade point averages and attendance reported
- » Both men's and women's basketball teams won their respective NCAA Division II championships during the 2024 season. Additionally, track and field standout Denisha Cartwright was named the Honda DII Athlete of the Year by the Collegiate Women Sports Awards

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Minnesota State University, Mankato and South Central College established a new 2+2 articulation agreement for students transferring from the college with an Associate of Applied Science in agribusiness degree to the University's Bachelor of Applied Science in agronomy degree program



FROM A FACULTY MEMBER:

"Becoming an engineer for many people, for many years, has been a step into the middle class from poverty. ... Having well-developed pathways that go from community colleges to a bachelor's degree is something I see as really meeting a social justice need."

– Rebecca Bates, chair of the Integrated Engineering Department



LOCATION:
Moorhead

mnstate.edu | Timothy Downs, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 6,072 Credit-Seeking Students | **27.8%** Pell Eligible | **15.9%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$11 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$910,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minnesota State University Moorhead students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minnesota State University Moorhead students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) offers a tradition in the liberal arts combined with innovation and technology for today’s workforce. MSUM enjoys a national reputation for programs in education, business, film/animation, social work, biosciences, nursing, and project management. Student growth opportunities include experiential learning, faculty-mentored research, business partner mentorships, and more.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » MSUM is vital to the community, generating \$285.5 million in economic impact annually
- » 92.4% of graduates are employed in their field or continuing their education after graduation
- » MSUM offers extra academic and personal support and community building for conditionally admitted students and underrepresented populations through its GRIT and SMART Start programs
- » MSUM’s Oceanarium, Planetarium, College for Kids and Teens, Scrubs Camp, Early Childhood Learning Center, and Regional Science Center offer unique learning opportunities and valuable community outreach

- » Veterans, service members, and military family support include Beyond the Yellow Ribbon recognition, a vibrant Veteran Success Center, and the Minnesota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Statement
- » Accelerated options allow students to earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years in high-demand career fields: business, cybersecurity, criminal justice, special education, healthcare management, athletic training and more. Master’s degrees in cybersecurity and business analytics will be available in 2025 in response to workforce needs

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Moorhead Area Public Schools:** Full-tuition guarantee to high-performing Moorhead High School students
- » **Essentia Health:** Bachelor of Science nursing program
- » **Microsoft Corporation:** Career exploration and internship placements
- » **40+ school districts, professional organizations, cooperatives, state agencies, and one tribal college:** Infuse Mental Health Project collaboration addresses a critical shortage of school-based mental health services in our region



FROM A STUDENT:

“I really enjoy that MSUM is a smaller campus. I’m able to truly know my professors and find out about their personal research.”

– Taytum Nelson, physics, math and computer science



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:

Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson
Pipestone, Worthington
Learning Centers: Luverne, Marshall

mnwest.edu | Terry Gaalswyk, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 4,653 Credit-Seeking Students | 14.7% Pell Eligible | 21.1% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$5.9 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$854,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Minnesota West Community & Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Minnesota West Community & Technical College students will experience better indoor air quality, less noise, and greater comfort by addressing the campus’s **HVAC asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Minnesota West Community & Technical College has a strong presence in the southwestern region with five campuses, two learning centers, customized training/continuing education and management programming. Minnesota West offers over 60 majors on campus, through hybrid learning and online options. Minnesota West strives to meet student needs and continues to see enrollment increases, with over 8% fall 2024!

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » PracticalNursing.org named the Practical Nursing program No. 1 in the state
- » Intellient.com ranked the Healthcare Administration Degree program No. 1
- » Named one of the Best Community Colleges in Minnesota by Intellient.com
- » Biology students earned Plant the Moon Challenge Best Show Award
- » Ranked top 5 for Military Friendly School
- » Strong ties with over 55 high schools serving over 1,800 students in concurrent and dual enrollment courses
- » 2024 NJCAA Division III Women’s Basketball National Champions

- » 2024 NJCAA Division III Volleyball Runner-up National Champions
- » 2024 Coaches of the Year; MCAC Football, MCAC South Division Volleyball, and Women’s Basketball
- » Named Gold Campus for Student Voter Engagement by All In
- » Customized Management planning services for Farm, Small Business and Lamb and Wool

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Received \$1.6 Million EDA Grant to Address Growing Demand for skilled manufacturing workers
- » Awarded \$94,747 2025 Clinical Dental Education Innovations Grant
- » Regional partnerships with Southwest West Central Service Cooperative, Southwest Private Industry Council, Greater United Way, Southwest Initiative Foundation, and McKnight Foundation to increase career pathways and teacher preparation
- » Partners with Sanford Health and Avera providing Scrubs and Health Science camps
- » Training partners with JBS, Monogram Meat Snacks, Chandler Industries, Bedford Industries, Toro Windom Plant, AGCO Jackson Plant, Ziegler CAT, Pipestone EDA, and City of Pipestone



FROM AN ALUM:

“Minnesota West taught me the value of STEM education with personalized attention and smaller class sizes. Excelling in challenging courses paved the way for a seamless transfer to the U of M. Starting at Minnesota West was a wise decision that significantly reduced my final student debt load.”

– Dr. Andrew Bents, Swine Technical Veterinarian, AA and AS Degrees



MINNESOTA STATE



NORMANDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LOCATION:
Bloomington

normandale.edu | Joyce Ester, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 13,959 Credit-Seeking Students | **26.4%** Pell Eligible | **44.4%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$14.6 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$2.9 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Normandale Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Normandale Community College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Normandale Community College provides over 70 two-year degrees and certificates and is a top transfer school for Minnesota four-year colleges and universities around the Twin Cities and state. Normandale also provides extremely competitive admission-based nursing and dental hygiene programs, offers one of the only vacuum and thin film technology AAS degrees in the nation, and is one of only a handful of two-year colleges to be nationally accredited in art, music, and theatre.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Expanded education degree support that includes specialty programs, a new director, an added advisor, Concurrent Enrollment offerings in local high schools around the Twin Cities, and the Sirtify and SpedUP cohort programs
- » Provides student success resources including emergency financial support, expanded Campus Cupboard offerings, laptop and wireless hotspots, mental health counseling, and many others
- » Normandale is an education partner for Bloomington-based technology companies Polar, Seagate and Skywater in their work to expand the semi-conductor workforce funded by the CHIPS Act

- » Center for Interprofessional Education in Healthcare (IPE Center), which will be a state-of-the-art facility at Normandale Community College preparing healthcare workers to provide holistic and equitable care, meeting the regional workforce demand. Estimated completion in August 2026

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Donaldson Company, KPMG, and Bosch Company:** Contribute scholarships to the college’s Academy of Math and Science (AMS), which provides a financial and advising support system for students pursuing STEM fields
- » **Mentor Minnesota:** a non-profit organization that provides training, resources, and consulting to mentoring institutions, to develop new student mentorship programs
- » Normandale is the education partner for the Semiconductor Academy, a 12-month training program at Bloomington-based Seagate, designed to kickstart careers in microelectronics
- » **Aon:** Through a partnership, Normandale is one of only nine community colleges in the nation that is part of an Aon apprenticeship program that combines in-class learning and on-the-job learning to launch professional careers



FROM AN ALUM:

“The teachers at Normandale were great! I really loved how all of the instructors cared about the students and quality of education we were receiving. They always believed in me and pushed me to do better.”

– Lali Williams, alumna and former President of Minnesota Dental Hygienists Association



LOCATION:
Brooklyn Park

nhcc.edu | Rolando García, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 7,121 Credit-Seeking Students | 30.5% Pell Eligible | 54.8% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$8.3 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.4 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » North Hennepin Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » North Hennepin Community College students will experience better indoor air quality, less noise, and greater comfort by addressing the campus’s HVAC **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) has been engaging students and changing lives for more than 50 years. Designated a Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Campus Center, NHCC serves a global-minded community of lifelong learners, offering more than 70 academic programs, including associate degrees, certificates, and bachelor’s degrees through university partnerships.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Offer a variety of initiatives aimed at closing the educational equity gaps, including Equity by Design, SistaHOPE2, Brother2Brother, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programming on campus
- » Deliver eight bachelor’s degree programs on campus with four-year Minnesota State universities
- » Growing and developing programming in high-demand fields including special education, data analytics, and construction technology that contributes to an estimated annual economic impact of \$27.35 million for Brooklyn Park and \$144.4 million for the state

- » Collaborate with seven high schools to offer concurrent enrollment courses

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Multiple collaborative partners to identify and address workforce needs:** Hennepin County Workforce Council, Hennepin-Carver Workforce Innovation Board, HIRED, DEED, Goodwill Easter Seals, ConnexMSP, Building Strong Communities, Metropolitan Council, The Twin Cities Manufacturers Consortium, and more
- » **(DIS)Ability In MN:** Collaboration to provide mentoring and employment opportunities for students with disabilities
- » **Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth:** Collaboration to narrow the achievement gap of underrepresented students
- » **More than 50 K–12 districts:** Participation in PSEO programming with NHCC



FROM AN ALUM:

“The PSEO program was great! I really enjoyed North Hennepin’s academic support, tutoring, and advising resources. I felt right at home as a PSEO student here. I didn’t feel like I was in over my head. My professors really supported me. NHCC was a great stepping stone to starting college and prepared me for Hamline.”

– Abbie Chandarath ‘22, Associate of Arts



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:
East Grand Forks
Thief River Falls

northlandcollege.edu | Shari Olson, *Interim President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 3,275 Credit-Seeking Students | **23.5%** Pell Eligible | **18.8%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$4.9 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$578,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Northland Community & Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Northland Community & Technical College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Northland Community & Technical College (Northland) is a comprehensive community and technical college featuring a strong liberal arts transfer program as well as technical programming in nursing, allied health, construction trades, manufacturing, agriculture, and nationally acclaimed aerospace programs that include the nation’s first uncrewed aerial systems maintenance program. Athletics are a point of pride for Northland, with nine NJCAA varsity sports fielding 220+ student-athletes, including a new co-ed esports team and women’s wrestling.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » The college works with community partners to define programs offered and provide training to prospective employees
- » Northland has developed pathways for students regardless of past academic success, taking some from illiteracy to pursuing an advanced degree

- » New Northland location at the Advanced Resource Center in Warroad, Minnesota
- » Actively partners and collaborates with all K–12 schools in service area

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Community partners donate funds and equipment for programs and are the primary employers for many graduates. Partners provide curriculum expertise and offer internship and clinical opportunities
- » **Altru and Sanford Health Systems:** Nursing and allied health programs
- » **Marvin, ANI Pharmaceuticals, American Crystal Sugar, Digi-Key, Textron, Polaris, Philadelphia Macaroni, and Simplot:** Manufacturing and industry programs
- » **United States Air Force, Northrop Grumman, and University of North Dakota:** Aerospace programs
- » **Cities of East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls, and Roseau:** Public sector law and public safety programs



FROM AN ALUM:

“I’m so grateful to Northland for offering part-time nursing programs. It’s been a lifesaver for me, as I’ve been able to balance my studies with working two jobs as a licensed practical nurse, being a mom, and planning a wedding all at the same time. I couldn’t have done it without the wonderful staff and amazing instructors at Northland who have been so supportive and encouraging throughout my journey.”

– Sydney Rude ‘24, Nursing



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:
Bemidji

NOTE: Northwest Technical College is aligned with Bemidji State University under one president.

ntcmn.edu | John Hoffman, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 1,297 Credit-Seeking Students | 26.3% Pell Eligible | 18.2% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$1.5 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$317,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Northwest Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Northwest Technical College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus's most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Northwest Technical College (NTC) engages, supports, and prepares students for rewarding careers through innovative programs and hands-on learning. Nearly 40 accessible, affordable degree, diploma, and certificate programs help students at NTC—Bemidji's Technical College—match their education to the needs of employers and support the region's ever-growing need for a highly skilled workforce.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » NTC is a major regional provider of trained professionals for a variety of rapidly growing health-related fields. More than 450 students, or 46% of the college's student body, are enrolled in one of NTC's health care-related academic programs
- » NTC's early child education programs address a constant need for highly trained childcare providers throughout northern Minnesota. Graduates become care providers or teaching paraprofessionals or continue their education
- » NTC demonstrates its commitment to regional and industry demands by creating new programs to meet

those demands. Since 2018 NTC has added programs in gerontology and aging studies, heating, air and refrigeration technology, and cosmetology

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Greater Bemidji:** NTC provides customized, timely mechatronics training for employees of regional manufacturing companies
- » **Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence:** NTC is a member of a consortium with Bemidji State University and 13 other Minnesota State colleges to meet the needs of the region's manufacturing employers
- » **Distance Minnesota:** NTC is a partner in an online higher education consortium that serves NTC, BSU, and other state colleges in the region
- » NTC is a member of Minnesota North College Customized Training Solutions, which provides specialized training in mining, manufacturing, health and safety, quality and process skills, employee development skills, and more for regional business and industry partners



FROM A STUDENT:

"I'm able to complete things based on my schedule, without worrying about planning classes and work around one another. I can often finish my coursework in the downtime during my workday."

– Benjamin Cahill, student, community health worker



Pine Technical & Community College



LOCATION:
Pine City

pine.edu | Joe Mulford, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 2,555 Credit-Seeking Students | **16.2%** Pell Eligible | **13%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$2.3 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$447,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Pine Technical & Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Pine Technical & Community College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Pine Technical and Community College (PTCC) is a vibrant college and community resource, empowering learners and partnering to strengthen local communities. PTCC offers a diverse program mix, including automated systems technology, automotive technology, business, construction technology, cyber security, early childhood education, gunsmithing and firearms technology, health sciences and nursing, human services eligibility worker, information technology, machining, transfer and liberal arts, and welding.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » In the spring of 2024, PTCC reached an all-time historic high in enrollment
- » PTCC has provided college credits to over 1,670 high school students who earned more than 10,272 credits, collectively saving over \$1.87 million in tuition costs
- » PTCC is the regional hub of Child Care Aware of Minnesota Northeast, coaching over 300 childcare programs and 5,000 children from across the state

- » PTCC’s Cyber Defense Team placed first in Minnesota at the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition and fifth in the Midwest
- » Major construction and renovation project underway to expand and remodel technical training labs
- » A new recreation center has been opened off campus for students to enjoy including study and lounge spaces, a gym, e-sports, an arcade, and flexible classroom

PARTNERSHIPS

- » PTCC has partnered with a local investor to offer 150 students off-campus, dorm-style living opportunities on the lake, only a few blocks from campus
- » **Frandsen Family Foundation:** A pillar within the PTCC Foundation and has provided a number of scholarships to students in the region
- » Pine County has provided free education to 876 students who are underemployed, unemployed, or seeking new skills in areas such as automotive, IT, welding, and healthcare



FROM A STUDENT:

“PTCC is the gateway to unlimited possibilities. Pine provides quality education at an affordable cost. I love the close-knit community, teachers, and staff who all work together to ensure you succeed and feel welcomed!”

– Seth Ruotsalainen, Nursing student



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:
Hutchinson
Willmar

ridgewater.edu | Craig Johnson, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 3,525 Credit-Seeking Students | 34.5% Pell Eligible | 20.1% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$6.6 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$780,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Ridgewater College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Ridgewater College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Ridgewater College empowers diverse learners to reach their full potential and enriches their lives through personalized and relevant education in an accessible, supportive, and inclusive environment. Ridgewater College is student centered and focused on innovation, excellence, and affordability. Ridgewater believes in creativity, lifelong learning, continuous improvement, and creating a culture of trust and respect.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Offers 60+ associate degrees, 35+ diploma programs, and 25 undergraduate certificates in healthcare, manufacturing, agriculture, business, IT, human services, and liberal arts pathways
- » Awards an average of 900 degrees, diplomas, and certificates annually
- » Partners with area high schools to offer career exploration events, PSEO, and concurrent enrollment
- » Offers non-credit training via Customized Training/Continuing Education (e.g. CDL, CNA)

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Community Integration Center (CIC) and Comunidad Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES):** provide

training to underrepresented groups which helps them attain good-paying entry level employment opportunities

- » **Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline with CentraCare:** for nursing and paramedic programs
- » **Department of Public Safety:** to deliver motorcycle rider training program for State of Minnesota
- » \$600,000+ in funds and equipment donated by industry partners annually
- » Industry partners provide career exploration, networking, internship and other opportunities
- » Adult Basic Education (ABE), Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services (CMJTS), and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- » Technical advisory committee members provide valuable expertise to ensure curriculum meets industry needs
- » MITGI, 3M, Compeer Financial, CHS, Ziegler CAT, Hutch Health, CentraCare, Glencoe Regional Health, and dozens of other corporations provide scholarships, mini grants, and/or student clinical sites and internships



FROM AN ALUM:

“I was originally planning to go to a four-year college, but Ridgewater was close to home and I heard a lot of good things about the Peace Officer program. It’s a rewarding career with something new every day!”

– Officer Niki Cappelen, Hutchinson Police Department and alumna



LOCATION:
Albert Lea, Austin
Owatonna

riverland.edu | Kathleen Linaker, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 4,325 Credit-Seeking Students | 27.2% Pell Eligible | 26.1% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$5.3 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$950,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Riverland Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Riverland Community College students will experience a safe and structurally sound environment by addressing the campus’s roofing **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Riverland provides students with an expanding list of programming and opportunities that enhance the overall student experience and create an inclusive campus environment conducive to student success. With more than 600 graduates annually, Riverland received HLC re-accreditation until 2026.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » In 2022– 2023, Riverland Foundation awarded \$1.3 million in scholarships to support students
- » Offering a new automation robotic engineering technology program to meet regional manufacturing needs
- » Agricultural and food science technology programs prepare students for the agriculture or food science manufacturing industries
- » Farm business management program annually provides customized management and financial consulting to 500+ local farmers
- » Riverland offers multi-term registration, allowing students to register for more than one term at a time. It’s possible for students to register for all three terms of the academic year at once; this allows students to plan, register, and secure their class schedule for a full academic year

- » Experience best-in-class simulation learning centers for public safety, truck driving, nurses, radiographers, and lab technicians
- » Riverland is proud to be an Emerging Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI), reflecting our commitment to providing inclusive and supportive educational opportunities for all students

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Last academic year 25 program partners supported the diesel technology, automotive technology, advanced manufacturing, truck driving, and construction electrician programs by becoming a program sponsor and sharing expertise in the classroom and at student engagement events to develop career connections with students
- » Industry partners donate valuable equipment and supplies to support Riverland academic programs. In 2022-2023, 37 businesses donated equipment to Riverland
- » **Austin Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** Partners with the construction program to build homes each year
- » **The Hormel Foundation:** Implementing Gap Scholarships to Austin’s graduating high school seniors since 2019



FROM AN ALUM:

“I am a proud Mexican American with roots in Jalisco and Tamaulipas and a graduate of Riverland Community College, where I received an affordable, first-class education that paved my way for a bachelor’s degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Now working in Student Services at the collegiate level, I’m living the American Dream and giving back to the educational system that made it possible.”

– Carlos Vera, Riverland Community College alum, and current employee



MINNESOTA STATE



LOCATION:
Rochester

rctc.edu | Jeffery Boyd, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 6,080 Credit-Seeking Students | 31.1% Pell Eligible | 31.8% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$8.2 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.2 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Rochester Community and Technical College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Rochester Community and Technical College students will experience a safe and structurally sound environment by addressing the campus’s roofing **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) is the oldest public two-year college in Minnesota, combining the best in liberal arts, technical, and lifelong learning with 10 academic pathways, more than 70 credit-based programs, and over 100 credential options.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Provides skilled workers ready to enter the fast-growing, high-tech workforce
- » Works with students and area K–12, alternative learning providers, and four-year institutions to map educational and career goals and create a plan to best achieve them
- » Programs that can be completed in one semester or one or two years. Students can be trained and enter the workforce with a smaller investment of time and money
- » Offers advising and counseling, basic needs assistance, financial aid, health services, mental health support, and tutoring

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences and Mayo Clinic:** Provides clinical/internship experiences for students, offers annual financial program support, and serves on many program advisory committees
- » **Destination Medical Center:** Leadership serves to align educational opportunities with planned community and economic growth
- » **Rochester Chamber of Commerce:** RCTC sponsors and supports initiatives including Leadership Greater Rochester and the STEAM summit (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) for area junior high students
- » **Rochester Public Schools:** Collaborates with RPS, IBM, and Mayo Clinic to house the only P-TECH program in Minnesota which features a high school to college to career pathway in information technology and practical nursing



FROM A STUDENT:

“I have greatly valued my time at RCTC over the past few years. I have built great interpersonal skills by working with a diverse network of students and staff and have established friendships that will be everlasting. RCTC has provided countless opportunities that have helped me grow as an individual and have helped me strive to be my best. RCTC has enabled me to access higher education in a very unique way that isn’t available everywhere, and the time that I spend at RCTC has set me up for success in the future.”

– Shabnam Qader, RCTC Student President



LOCATION:
St. Paul

saintpaul.edu | Deidra Peaslee, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 7,655 Credit-Seeking Students | 43.1% Pell Eligible | 67.1% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$9.5 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.7 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Saint Paul College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Saint Paul College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Since its founding more than 100 years ago, Saint Paul College (SPC) has helped students succeed in high-demand careers. SPC is an inclusive, welcoming community of learners all driven to better themselves through uniquely cost-effective, high-quality education. SPC students come from many backgrounds and walks of life – from PSEO students to adult learners and everyone in between. Established in 1910, the college offers more than 50 associate degree programs, including the associate of arts degree and more than 70 career certificate and diploma programs.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » Robotic Welders, VR Welding Simulator, and a 10,000-square-foot Health Science Simulation Center put Saint Paul College on the cutting edge of learning technology
- » Over 140 students from over 40 countries learn through International Student Programs
- » The most diverse college in Minnesota with a commitment to becoming an Anti-Racist Trauma Informed Institution

- » Postsecondary Enrollment and Concurrent Enrollment Options allow high schoolers to earn college credits, reducing time and debt

PARTNERSHIPS

- » Each of the technical programs has an advisory committee that helps build strong partnerships between the college and employers. Committee members provide valuable expertise that helps ensure classes meet ever-evolving market changes
- » Saint Paul College partners with Ujamaa Place to enhance learning outcomes for participants of that program through customized training and scholarships and provides holistic transformation for young African American men experiencing inequity at the intersection of race and poverty
- » A client-first food pantry is part of SPC’s basic needs initiatives. Food and goods in the pantry are made possible through community partnerships and grant funding



FROM A STUDENT:

“Saint Paul College is a supportive and inclusive community. I feel I’m getting a high-quality education at an affordable price. The transfer opportunities will help me meet my career goals, and I love the student experience here.”

– Gozel R. Science and Engineering Technology student



LOCATION:
Faribault
North Mankato

southcentral.edu | Annette Parker, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 4,238 Credit-Seeking Students | 27.3% Pell Eligible | 22.4% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$5.8 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$760,000 for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » South Central College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » South Central College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

South Central College (SCC) is a comprehensive community and technical college offering programs that prepare students to start or advance in a rewarding career, transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor’s degree, or do both. In addition, SCC’s Customized Workforce Education division provides specialized, industry-specific education to help organizations train their employees and help individuals grow in their current field or pursue a new occupation.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » 75+ years of providing higher education to the region
- » Academic programs that prepare students to work in a variety of fields, including the region’s three largest industries: agriculture, healthcare, and manufacturing
- » Dedicated social workers on both SCC campuses since 2019
- » One of the first four colleges in Minnesota to be named a “Hunger Free Campus” by LeadMN
- » “Leader College” designation by Achieving the Dream, a national network of more than 300 colleges dedicated to serving as hubs of equity and mobility for their communities

- » Higher Learning Commission college accreditation and seven program accreditations

PARTNERSHIPS

- » “H2C – High School to College and Career,” SCC’s program that enables students to complete their high school diploma, industry certifications, and begin their college program simultaneously, started at Faribault High School in 2021
- » Nearly \$2 million in MN DEED PIPELINE grants awarded to 21 employers in the past five years to offer dual training/apprenticeship opportunities to SCC students
- » More than \$4.1 million in Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) grants provided to 28 unique employers to fund training in partnership with SCC’s Customized Workforce Education division in the past 10 years
- » Approximately \$2 million in donations pledged to SCC by industry partners to help fund state-of-the-art labs at SCC’s North Mankato Campus since 2020



FROM A STUDENT:

“Troubleshooting and critical thinking are key skills I’m building, and I’m proud to apply what I learn in school directly to my job.”

– Enrique Figueroa, SCC mechatronics student and apprentice at Daikin Applied



LOCATION:
Marshall

smsu.edu | Kumara Jayasuriya, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 8,521 Credit-Seeking Students | 11.2% Pell Eligible | 14% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$7.3 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.5 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Southwest Minnesota State University students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Southwest Minnesota State University students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus's life, health, and safety **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) prepares students for personal and professional success with high-quality professional programs offered in the liberal arts tradition. In response to industry demand, SMSU continues to strengthen agriculture, data science and cybersecurity programs. New initiatives also include an accelerated 4+1 MBA program; a new Master of Science in nursing to prepare more nurse educators; and the Mustang Pathway Program, an alternate entry program dedicated to eliminating education equity gaps through a free five-week summer bridge to strengthen English, math and study skills in a supportive environment.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » SMSU is the regional education hub for southwest Minnesota, with nearly 40% of degree-seeking students coming from the region
- » Graduates have a 99% employment rate
- » SMSU is the first and largest provider of concurrent enrollment

programs in the state, serving more than 5,000 students annually

- » With overall enrollment growing for SMSU, the total headcount for fall 2024 was up 14.9% from the previous year, and was the highest enrollment at the university in 14 years

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **North Star Mutual Insurance Company:** Invested \$3 million in the SMSU School of Business to establish the North Star Mutual School of Business and provide funding for academic programming, enhanced facilities, increased scholarships, and business-related internships that will create new opportunities for students
- » **Ralco:** Partners for faculty and student research projects and invests in significant scholarship and internship support
- » **Marshall Public Schools:** Partners with SMSU to provide student teaching and clinical opportunities in K–12 classrooms under the guidance of experienced teachers



FROM A STUDENT:

“Being involved at SMSU has made a difference for me. I have leadership positions in the LatinX, Criminal Justice, Social Justice, and First-Generation clubs on campus. These positions keep me busy and helped me learn to take on different responsibilities while maintaining relationships and building connections. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Access Opportunity Success staff have continuously provided me with the support I need along the way.”

– Dora Facundo, '26, bachelor of science in justice administration and psychology



MINNESOTA STATE



ST. CLOUD STATE
UNIVERSITY



LOCATION:
St. Cloud

stcloudstate.edu | Larry Dietz, *Interim President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 12,713 Credit-Seeking Students | **21.5%** Pell Eligible | **19.6%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$18.8 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$2.1 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » St. Cloud State University students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » St. Cloud State University students will experience sustained athletic and recreational programming in a safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s **asset preservation** needs

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

St. Cloud State University (SCSU) offers nearly 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Graduate programs include online and accelerated formats. SCSU offers an excellent portfolio of career options in business, education, engineering and applied sciences, health and wellness professions, and liberal arts — with 95% of graduates employed in their field within one year of graduation. SCSU is home to 15 Division II and two Division I athletics programs. Campus locations include St. Cloud and Plymouth, Minnesota, and Alnwick Castle in England.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » Named to Forbes list of America’s Top 500 Colleges
- » Honored by Colleges of Distinction for business, nursing, education, and engineering programs
- » Classified by Carnegie Foundation as a leader in community engagement
- » Recognized by Phi Theta Kappa for five consecutive years as a transfer-friendly institution
- » Accelerated, online master’s programs in business and education

- » Focused on student success with investments in advising and student engagement
- » Over 100,000 square feet of state-of-the-art labs and learning spaces
- » A community of more than 132,000 alumni

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **The Minnesota Institute of Technology at SCSU:** Projects to connect faculty across disciplines to industry and nonprofit leaders for project solutions
- » **CentraCare Health and University of Minnesota:** Building a Doctorate of Nursing Practice to meet workforce demand
- » **Boston Scientific:** Supporting their professional development and workforce upskilling through digital credentials
- » **Central McGowan:** Designing and facilitating a three-year workforce training program in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- » **Husky Productions:** Student-led production of live hockey broadcasts airing on Fox9+



FROM A STUDENT:

“St. Cloud State was the easy choice for continuing my education to become a speech-language pathologist. The campus has been incredibly welcoming, and the faculty have given me individualized attention to help me feel prepared for my future career.”

– Grace Macht, Communications Sciences and Disorders graduate student



LOCATION:
St. Cloud

sctcc.edu | Lori Kloos, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 4,846 Credit-Seeking Students | 35.4% Pell Eligible | 29.5% Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$7 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.1 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » St. Cloud Technical & Community College students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » St. Cloud Technical & Community College students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC) provides career, technical, and transferable education. More than 75 program options closely match the region’s job demand, affirming SCTCC’s commitment to meet community needs. Within a year of earning a credential, 99% of those who were available for work found employment in their fields of study (FY23).

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- » SCTCC actively engages and collaborates with approximately 40 program advisory groups to ensure academic courses are relevant to industry needs
- » More than 75% of SCTCC students come from the five surrounding counties: Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Granite Partners:** Private investment company with a vision to keep ownership of manufacturing in Central Minnesota and within the state. Strong investment in SCTCC through scholarships, VEX Robotics programs, foundational funding for

a Center for Student Success, and utilization of Customized Training

- » **Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation:** Regional organization that presented its 2024 Innovation Award to SCTCC’s Advanced Manufacturing Center. AMC was the result of conversations with City of St. Cloud’s Economic Development Authority, GSDC, Chamber of Commerce, Career Solutions, DEED, and SCSU. SCTCC applied for an Economic Development Administration grant to expand its manufacturing classrooms. The award highlights innovative strategies that organizations implement to overcome challenges and take on new opportunities
- » **Aircraft Maintenance Technician Program:** Set to start fall 2026, a new academic program in development after SCTCC received Minnesota State Industry Sector Funding. Collaboration with community partners, aviation industry members, and Minnesota State indicated the program aligns with local and state industry needs and provides students with work-based learning experiences leading to economic and social mobility after graduation



FROM STUDENT:

“I haven’t been in the workforce since I got out of the military in 2012, and I did a good job at hiding one of the biggest side effects of my PTSD. But I got approved to receive my service dog, and that changed everything. Classes are going great. If I’m struggling, I can go to the CAS (tutoring), and I started working at Career Services for work study. I actually just hang out at the school now and do homework.”

– Jessica Busby, Finance student and Army veteran (and Maverick)



LOCATION:
Winona

winona.edu | Kenneth Janz, *President*

FY23 STUDENT PROFILE: 7,030 Credit-Seeking Students | **24.3%** Pell Eligible | **15.1%** Students of Color

Request Details

- » \$14.7 million in **student affordability and campus operations** funding to ensure availability of programs and services for students and maintain affordability
- » \$1.2 million for additional support to connect campus students with mental health resources, basic needs assistance, financial emergency grants, free course materials, and other high-need **student support** services
- » Winona State University students will gain access to **workforce-focused** support, including cutting-edge facilities, advanced equipment, and newly designed programs tailored to high-demand skills
- » Winona State University students will experience an accessible, safe and welcoming campus by addressing the campus’s most basic **asset preservation** needs

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Winona State University (WSU) provides experiential education at an affordable cost. Programs are available at a beautiful residential campus in Winona and in learning spaces embedded in Rochester. Winona State is nationally recognized for innovative integration of technologies in teaching and learning. Regional partners in education, business, and the health industry value Winona State’s responsiveness to their needs.

UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

- » The HealthForce Minnesota Center of Excellence collaborates to increase and diversify healthcare workers and enhance the quality of patient care
- » The Winona State Mentor Collective pairs underrepresented students with mentors to improve retention and graduation rates
- » Partnership with RTP Company awards scholarships for composite materials engineering students
- » 97% of graduates are employed in their field of study within one year of graduation

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Mayo Clinic:** Winona State is a major provider of nurses and other health professionals
- » **Hawthorne Learning Center and Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center in Rochester:** On-site training allows counselor education students to provide supervised counseling
- » **Minnesota Twins:** Students from the Winona State Exercise Science program gain valuable hands-on experience as coaching and athletic training interns
- » **Winona Health Nursing Simulation Center:** Winona State students and Winona Health employees receive state-of-the-art hands-on training at this jointly fundraised project
- » **Business and industry across southern Minnesota:** Winona State supplies engineering talent to the composite materials industry cluster in southeastern Minnesota and is a key partner in the southeast Minnesota Enterprise Zone, providing specialized continuing and technical education and customized training



FROM AN ALUM:

“A lot of what I use in the classroom today with middle school students is a little piece of this and that from all the professors I’ve had at Winona State. I’m grateful that there are professors who are serious, who are really well-respected in the field, and who do a lot of research themselves. It’s just awesome to take that knowledge that I got from Winona State and share it with my students.”

– Thomas Sawyer, BA ‘12, MS ‘22, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Winona Middle School



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- » Ensure access to an extraordinary education for all Minnesotans
- » Are the partner of choice to meet Minnesota's workforce and community needs
- » Deliver to students, employers, communities, and taxpayers the highest value/most affordable higher education option

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