

MINNESOTA Student Teacher Grants

Working toward your initial teaching license?

Financial assistance is available for undergraduate and graduate students as they complete the required 12-week or more student teaching experience



THERE ARE 2 GRANTS AVAILABLE BASED ON ELIGIBILITY:

✓ Student Teachers in Shortage Areas Grant

Students must intend to teach in a designated rural school district or an identified license shortage area

✓ Underrepresented Student Teacher Grant

Students must belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the state's teacher workforce

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER GRANT, A STUDENT MUST:

- Be enrolled in an PELSB-approved MN teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching for a Tier 3 teaching license
- Meet satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution
- Not be in default on a federal or state student loan
- Demonstrate financial need



RECEIVE UP TO
\$7,500

Awarded on a funds available basis



RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Rural school districts are school districts with fewer than 30 resident pupil units per square mile.



LICENSE SHORTAGE AREAS

- English as a second language
- Early childhood
- Special education
- Career and technical education
- STEAM
- World languages

FIND FULL LISTS OF RURAL DISTRICTS, SHORTAGE AREAS AND TEACHER PREP PROGRAMS:

 ohe.mn.gov/minnesota-student-teacher-grant





How do I apply for a Minnesota Student Teacher Grant?

Prior to the academic term that you are completing your required 12-week or more student teachers experience, submit an application to the Office of Higher Education at ohe.mn.gov/minnesota-student-teacher-grant

A student may only receive the award for the term of their student teaching experience.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- ✓ Student Teacher Grants application in the MNAID Student Portal
- ✓ Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Minnesota Dream Act application
- ✓ Financial data form submitted by the Financial Aid Office at the institution the student attends

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

To be considered for an award, eligible students must have a complete application on file by the priority dates for the specified term.

- ! Applications submitted after the priority deadline will be reviewed based on the availability of funds.
- ✉ Students will be notified of their application status via email.
- 🔍 Students can track their application status on the MNAid Student Portal <https://mnaid.guarantorsolutions.com/StudentPortal/>



**PRIORITY APPLICATION
DEADLINES FOR TERMS ARE
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

Applications will still be accepted after the priority deadlines, but eligible students will likely be placed on the wait list.



QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

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