

Minnesota State Financial Aid Programs

General Eligibility Requirements Chart 2025-2026

Eligibility Requirement	MN State Grant	North Star Promise	MN Indian Scholarship	Postsecondary Child Care Grant	Fostering Independence Grant	Reciprocity	Student Teacher Grants	Safety Officer's Survivors Grant	State Work Study	ID Grant	Get Ready Student Success Scholarship
U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residence	Required ¹				Required ¹						Required
MN Resident Student per MS 136A.101 Subd. 8 ²	Required	Required	Required	Required ³	Required ⁴	Required			Required	Required	Required
Minimum Enrollment Status (number of credits)	1	1	9 (UG) half-time (G)	1	1		12 weeks of student teaching	1	6 (UG) ⁵ half-time (GR) ⁵		3
Has not Received a bachelor's degree	Required	Required			Required					Required	Required
Amount of <u>Receipt of Award</u> Allowed Prior to Ineligibility	Equivalent of 4 full-time years/8 semesters ⁶	Equivalent of 2 full-time years/4 semesters (certificate or associate); 4 full-time years/8 semesters (bachelor's) ⁶	3 annual awards (certificate or associate) 5 annual awards (bachelor's) ^{6A} 5 annual awards (Grad/Prof)	Equivalent of 5 full-time years/10 semesters of receipt ⁶	Equivalent of 3 full-time years/6 semesters (certificate or associate); 5 full-time years/10 semesters (bachelor's) ^{6A}		May receive grant 1 time during the term of student teaching	Equivalent of 5 full-time years/10 semesters ⁶			Two terms of eligibility within the same academic year
Making Satisfactory Academic Progress	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Not in Default on Federal or SELF Loans	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		Required			Required	
Not receiving Reciprocity Benefits to attend a MN school	Required			Required		Required			Required		
Financial Need	Required	Required ⁷	Required ⁸	Required	Required		Required		Required	Required ⁹	

Eligibility Requirement	MN State Grant	North Star Promise	MN Indian Scholarship	Postsecondary Child Care Grant	Fostering Independence Grant	Reciprocity	Student Teacher Grants	Safety Officer's Survivors Grant	State Work Study	ID Grant	Get Ready Student Success Scholarship
HS Graduate or 17 Years Old at Time of Disbursement	Required	Required			Required ¹⁰			Required ¹¹		Required	Required
Attending MN School	Required	Required ¹²	Required	Required	Required ¹³		Required	Required		Required ¹⁴	Required
Not in Arrears on Child Support	Required	Required			Required				Required	Required	
Not Been Convicted of or Pled <i>nolo contendere</i> or Guilty to a Crime Involving Financial Aid Fraud	Required	Required			Required						
Program Leads to a Degree, Certificate or Diploma	Required	Required	Required	Required ¹⁵	Required		Required ¹⁶	Required	Required		Required
Other Unique Eligibility Criteria	Required ¹⁷		Required ¹⁸	Required ¹⁹		Required ²⁰	Required ²¹	Required ²²		Required ²³	Required ²⁴

Notes

¹ Students applying for state aid via the Minnesota Dream Act should not be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents.

² Per Minnesota Statute 136A.101 Subd. 8, includes undocumented students qualifying under Minnesota Dream Act or students with lawful presence (DACA) or legal status (Asylum Pending) prior to meeting a resident student definition.

³ Uses 136A.101 Subd. 8, but also considered eligible if the applicant's spouse is a resident of the state of Minnesota.

⁴ In addition to meeting a Resident Student definition, after the student's 13th birthday, be in or have been in foster care in Minnesota before, on, or after June 27, 2021. If not meeting Minnesota Resident Student definition, students can be eligible for FIG by being eligible for the Minnesota Education & Training Voucher (ETV) Program.

⁵ A student may work one term of non-enrolment or less than half-time enrollment per aid year.

⁶ Student is allowed one extra term of eligibility if student withdrew from college after December 31, 2002, for active military service, or due to serious health condition while under the care of a medical professional, that substantially limited the student's ability to complete the term or while providing care for the student's spouse, child or parent who has a serious health condition.

^{6A} Including any awards received while enrolled in a less than 4-year degree program.

⁷ Must have AGI of less than \$80,000 and unpaid tuition and fees after gift aid.

⁸ Undergraduate students must be eligible or would be eligible, as defined below, to receive the Pell Grant or State Grant based on federal needs analysis. A student must receive either a disbursement of Pell Grant or State Grant during at least one term of the budget period OR be otherwise eligible to receive a disbursement of at least one term of the budget period, but who will not receive the disbursement because of one or more of the following:

- Has earned a baccalaureate degree (must not have met or exceeded maximum annual undergraduate awards of MISP);
- Has met or exceeded the Pell Grant Maximum Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU), has met or exceeded the State Grant Limit on receipt of awards;
- Has a Child Support Hold listed on the State Grant On-Line Hold Report;
- Has not met or exceeded the Pell Grant Maximum LEU, but has declined Pell Grant to preserve eligibility for future use;
- Minnesota State Grant funds unavailable to award.

⁹ Must have unpaid tuition and fees not covered by the Pell Grant, State Grant or institutional aid.

¹⁰ Must be younger than 27 years of age before September 1st of the annual award year.

¹¹ Dependent child must be under the age of 23 before the first day of academic year.

¹² Must be attending a Minnesota Public Institution or Tribal College.

¹³ Must be attending a Minnesota Public institution, participating Tribal college, or participating private institution.

¹⁴ Must be enrolled in and attending a Comprehensive Transition Program at an eligible Minnesota postsecondary institution.

¹⁵ Not in a sectarian program.

¹⁶ Must be enrolled in a PELSB-approved MN teacher preparation program and seeking Tier 3 or 4 teacher license.

¹⁷ Not owe OHE of a State Grant Overpayment.

¹⁸ Enrolled member or citizen of a Federal-recognized American Indian tribe or Canadian First Nation, or one-quarter or more American Indian ancestry.

¹⁹ Has a dependent child 12 years (14 if disabled) or younger with childcare expenses.

²⁰ MN resident attending public institutions in Wisconsin, North Dakota, the Canada province of Manitoba, and northwestern Iowa.

²¹ Belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce or intend to teach in a shortage area or rural school district.

²² A surviving spouse or dependent child under the age of 23 (or under 30 for those who served on active military duty for at least 181 consecutive days and were honorably discharged or released) of Public Safety Officer who died in the line of duty.

²³ Have an intellectual disability.

²⁴ Participant of Minnesota Get Ready program.