

K12 EDUCATION

Supporting Student Mental Health: The governor recommends the following proposals to address student mental health needs:

- \$76.8 million over the next three years to address shortages of school support personnel services.
- \$45 million over the next three years to help all schools implement multi-tiered systems of support.
- \$29.8 million over the next three years for school-based mental health screening and referral systems
- \$18 million over the next three years for school-linked behavioral health grants.
- \$7.5 million for competitive grant process to expand and establish new Minnesota school-based health centers

Expand Rigorous Coursework: The governor recommends \$30 million over the next three years to expand rigorous coursework, such as Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education, or International Baccalaureate.

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College Application Fee Waiver Grants: The governor recommends \$10 million in FY23 for a pilot program to eliminate college application fees for undergraduate post-secondary applications through the College Application Fee Waiver program. Funds for this program will be used to coordinate and administer a pilot program to waive application fees for Minnesota's public, private non-profit, and tribal colleges.

Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students (EAPS): The governor recommends \$2 million to expand and administer the Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students grant program. The program provides financial resources to students experiencing unexpected immediate financial hardships that may prevent them from continuing their post-secondary education.

State Grant Modifications: The governor recommends \$62 million over the next three years in the State Grant program by modifying eligibility requirements. His proposal modifies the program eligibility requirements in three ways: 1) Under this proposal, only counting credits in which the student has received \$1 or more in State Grant aid by term toward their lifetime eligibility; 2) Allowing students to qualify for a state grant for up to 10 semesters or equivalent of grant receipt, and 3) Amending the award calculation statute to discontinue subtraction of the Federal Pell Grant for students who financially qualify for a Pell Grant but are not receiving one because they do not meet program eligibility requirements.

Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance Program Expansion: The governor recommends \$5.1 million to expand and administer the Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance Program to support

Minnesota tribal colleges by defraying the costs associated with all Minnesota residents students regardless of their status as enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes.

Fostering Higher Education Grants Adjustment: The governor recommends \$3 million in additional funding for the Fostering Independence Higher Education Grants. The grant program provides financial aid to eligible foster children attending an eligible postsecondary institution for up to five years

Increase Access to the University of Minnesota: The governor recommends \$102 million over the next three years to address the University of Minnesota's goals to attract, educate, and graduate students and to reduce financial barriers to student achievement. This proposal seeks to achieve that goal by targeting aid to those students who most need support to offset tuition, fees, and other costs of attendance items, as well as creating a new scholarship program specifically supporting students from Greater Minnesota system campuses. The governor also recommends \$15 million over the next three years for the University of Minnesota to increase student support services.

Minnesota State, Equity and Affordability Directly Supporting Students' Critical Needs: The governor recommends \$45 million over the next three years to address critical needs that stand in the way of college and university students pursuing and completing their educational programs. This proposal will protect access and affordability for students; will provide all Minnesota State students with access to a variety of mental health support options; will address workforce gaps through innovative career, technical, and professional programming serving business and industry; and will provide all Minnesota State students with access to a statewide basic needs resources hub to connect to resources on campus, in the local community, and nationally.