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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 initial licensure
- Meet satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution
- Not be in default on a federal or state student loan
- Demonstrate financial need



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\$7,500 PER TERM

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
- STEAM
- Early childhood
- World languages
- Special education
- Career and technical education

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



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 www.ohe.state.mn.us/studentteachergrants

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 order of the completion date.



Students will be notified of their application status via email.





PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR TERMS:

FALL 2024: July 26, 2024

SPRING 2025: Nov. 8, 2024

SUMMER 2025: April 18, 2025

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

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