



## How can I prepare for Direct Admissions?



### Keep making academic progress!

Since the Direct Admissions program is based on academic performance to the end of your junior year, the best way to prepare is to consistently work toward the best GPA you are capable of. If you didn't start out high school with the best grades - don't worry! Improvements to your grades during your sophomore and junior years can show perseverance and growth in your academic career.



### Review your college options early

With over 50 Minnesota colleges and universities participating, you can begin familiarizing yourself with potential options. Visit [www.myhighered.mn.gov/colleges](http://www.myhighered.mn.gov/colleges) to use the College Search Tool, where you can view campus profiles of schools you are most interested in. Find the estimated cost of attending each college, as well as its average price after financial aid has been awarded. You can also check out each school's graduate employment outcomes and median annual salaries based on field of study. Create a MyHigherEd account to keep track of your top choices!



### Financial aid makes college affordable

It is important to understand the costs of attending college, as they can vary greatly based on institution type. The good news is the majority of students receive financial aid to help pay for school!

In Minnesota, there are significant financial aid programs for students, including the Minnesota State Grant and North Star Promise. Depending on your family's income, you may be able to receive financial aid that will fully cover the costs of your tuition and fees!

To access financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during your senior year. For students with undocumented status, the Minnesota Dream Act application will provide you access to state and institutional financial aid.

Submitting the  
**FAFSA** OR  
**MN DREAM ACT**  
is the most  
important step  
to accessing  
financial aid  
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“I was really uncertain about college before this. But because I wasn't so focused on the stress from the applications, I was able to really take my time and ask myself ‘what programs are best for me?’ Seeing all these schools [on my letter] and refining them into a small list, I feel a lot more assured about my future.”

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- Ella Khang,

HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY



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As a first-generation student and the oldest in my family, it gave me a sense of relief to know I was already admitted to my top colleges. I was amazed at all of the colleges that were on my list. All my hard work paid off!

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- Elsy Cruz Parra,

RICHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



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Information for High School Students

[www.ohe.state.mn.us/directadmissions](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/directadmissions)



## What is Direct Admissions?

Direct Admissions is a State of Minnesota program that makes sure you know you have multiple college options after high school. At the beginning of your senior year, you will receive a personalized communication that lists the Minnesota colleges and universities that are offering you proactive admission.

You will be able to apply to the colleges of your choice for free (*and with confidence since you are already admitted*). You already know the “*will I get in?*” question has already been answered with a “*YES!*”



## What determines the colleges on my list?

The colleges and universities on your personalized list are determined by your unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) to the end of your junior year, as well as your grades in the core areas of math, science and English from your 10th and 11th grade years.

As a student, you will be placed into an **academic tier** based on your GPA. Colleges have opted into one of these academic tiers based on their own admissions criteria.

Direct Admissions can help to simplify your college admissions process, as your list will show you all the Minnesota colleges and universities that are offering you proactive admission.

Remember - *You are not limited to the colleges on your list!* Direct Admissions can serve as a great starting point to begin to review your many college options.

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## Which colleges and universities are participating?

Continuing your education after high school will open up many career opportunities and pathways for advancement, and Minnesota has great options!



### Two-year Community and Technical Colleges

Attending a community, trade or technical college can be a great option for students who want to save money, complete courses at a personalized and flexible schedule, or enter their career fields faster. These colleges are also excellent options for students who prefer hands-on training or those who are looking to transfer after completing general education classes.

#### Participating colleges include:

- » Alexandria Technical and Community College
- » Anoka Technical College
- » Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- » Central Lakes College
- » Century College
- » Dakota County Technical College
- » Hennepin Technical College
- » Inver Hills Community College
- » Lake Superior College
- » Minneapolis College
- » Minnesota North College
- » Minnesota State College Southeast
- » Minnesota State Community and Technical College
- » Minnesota West Community and Technical College
- » Normandale Community College
- » North Hennepin Community College
- » Northland Community and Technical College
- » Northwest Technical College
- » Northwestern Health Sciences University
- » Pine Technical and Community College
- » Ridgewater College
- » Riverland Community College
- » Rochester Community and Technical College
- » St. Paul College
- » South Central College
- » St. Cloud Technical and Community College

Check out the online list of participating colleges and universities on our website



**YOU**  
are college ready!



### Tribal Colleges

Minnesota's tribal colleges are excellent options for students who are looking for an affordable, culturally relevant higher education experience.

#### Participating colleges include:

- » Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
- » Red Lake Nation College
- » White Earth Tribal and Community College



### Four-year Public and Private Universities

There are many benefits of attending a four-year college, including on-campus student life, more major or minor options and alumni network opportunities.

#### Participating universities include:

- » Augsburg University
- » Bemidji State University
- » Bethany Lutheran College
- » Bethel University
- » Bethel University Online
- » College of Saint Benedict
- » Concordia College
- » The College of St. Scholastica
- » Concordia University St. Paul
- » Dunwoody College of Technology
- » Gustavus Adolphus College
- » Hamline University
- » Metropolitan State University
- » Minnesota State University, Mankato
- » Minnesota State University, Moorhead
- » Minneapolis College of Art and Design
- » Northwestern Health Sciences University
- » Saint John's University
- » Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- » St. Catherine University
- » Southwest Minnesota State University
- » St. Cloud State University
- » University of St. Thomas
- » University of Minnesota, Crookston
- » University of Minnesota, Duluth
- » University of Minnesota, Morris
- » University of Minnesota, Rochester
- » Winona State University