

Administering Student Teacher Grants in MNAid

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Program Overview

- The Minnesota Student Teacher Grants (STG) is a financial aid program that seeks to support students in becoming teachers in Minnesota by providing postsecondary financial assistance to eligible undergraduate and graduate students during the term the students are completing the required 12-weeks or more student teaching experience in order to attain their *initial teaching license*
- Last dollar, need-based grant program. Eligibility and award amount will be based on the calculated term

COA minus SAI and all federal, state, institution, and external gift aid

• There are two grants available

Program Overview – cont'd

- The Minnesota Student Teachers in Shortage Areas Grant (STSA) is available to eligible students who intend teach in a license shortage area or rural school district after graduating and receiving their initial teaching license.
- The Minnesota Underrepresented Student Teacher Grant (USTG) is available to eligible students who belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be enrolled in an PELSB-approved Minnesota teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching to attain initial licensure (*Tier 3 or 4 teaching license*)
- Meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP) as defined by the institution
- Have not defaulted on any federal or state loans (Direct Loans & MN Self Loan)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - Intend to teach in a designated rural school district in Minnesota
 - Intend to teach in an identified license shortage area
 - Belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce

2024-2025 STG Application

- 2024-25 application opens on June 1, 2024
- Priority Deadlines for Student Teaching Terms:

• Fall 2024: July 26, 2024 *Awarded students notified by Aug 15

• Spring 2025: November 8, 2024 *Awarded students notified by Dec 1

• Summer 2025: April 18, 2025 *Awarded students notified by May 1

- Complete application must include:
 - Student Teacher Grants application
 - FAFSA or MN Dream Act Application

 \odot Financial data entered by Financial Aid Office

NO MORE SPREADSHEETS! FREQUENT EMAILS! DEADLINES!

STUDENT TEACHER GRANTS ARE NOW LIVE ON MNAID

Getting Started: Award Rules

- Review Award Rules which will contain:
 - Award and funding information
 - \odot Application dates
 - Certification dates for each semesters
 - Program Administrator contact info

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ter Application	5	STSA Total Funds Awarded	\$0.00	Application Available Date	06/01/2024		
bmit Financial Data		STSA Total Funds Paid	\$0.00	Application Cutoff Date	05/01/2025		
rtification	ι	JSTG Total Funds Awarded	\$0.00	Fall Certification Available	09/03/2024		
isk View		USTG Total Funds Paid	\$0.00	Spring Certification Available	01/06/2025		
nck view		STSA SpeedChart Key	E6031431	Summer2 Certification Available	05/05/2025		
		USTG SpeedChart Key	E6031727	Maximum Award	7500		
				Program Email Address	diamee.xiong.yang@state.mn.us		

Getting Started: School Profile

- Review School Profile to make sure school information is correct
 - $\,\circ\,$ If not, email OHE
- Update term dates if incorrect
- Add contact information of aid administer managing STG (add two if possible)
 - All communication will be received by the contact person

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MN AID	Home	School Profile(Student Teac	ther Grants) 🗙				
Student Teacher Grants			Fall Semeste	r/Quarter	09/06/2024	12/22/202	24
Award Rules		Winter Qua	rter(Semester Schools, le	ave blank)			
School Profile			Spring Semeste	r/Quarter	01/17/2025	05/10/202	25
Payment History			Summer2 Semeste	r/Quarter	05/15/2025	08/15/202	25
Enter Application							
Submit Financial Data				UPDATE TERM DATES			
Certification			Progr	am: Student Teache	er Grants		
Quick View		Location Code	112			Active	Yes
		Contact Name			Secondary Cor	ntact Name	
		Contact Title			Secondary Co	ontact Title	
		Contact Email Address			Secondary Co	ntact Email	
		Phone Number			Secondary Pho	ne Number	
		Closed Out	No		Secondary F	ax Number	
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Breakdown of Application and Awarding Process









Student submit the online Student Teacher Grants application Financial Aid Office submit financial data for eligible students Office of Higher Education will award and notify students Financial Aid Office review and certify awarded students for disbursements

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MN Aid Programs
 Online Applications Account Management
 Document Management

Online Applications

Indian Scholarship

Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program provides postsecondary financial assistance to eligible Minnesota resident students who demonstrate financial need for an award.

✤ Indian Scholarship 2024-2025 Application

Student Teacher Grants

The Minnesota Student Teacher Grants provide postsecondary financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in Minnesota teacher preparation programs during one term in which the student is completing a required 12-week or more student teaching experience.

Students fill out the STG application on the MNAid student portal.

Submit Financial Data

- Financial data can be entered for students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements (*see slide #13*)
- **Do not submit** if the student has not completed the financial aid process at their institution for federal and state aid (*i.e. verification documents*)
- Exception: MN Dream Act for Graduates and non-Minnesota applicants only need their income verified

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Payment History			Academic Year	2024-2025	
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ertification	XXX-XX-XXXX	Test #3, Cassidy		UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES	
Quick View					

Exception: MN Dream Act for Graduate and non-MN Students

- Dream Act student who is a Graduate or non-Minnesota resident will need to:
 - O Upload required document(s) for income verification
 - Notify OHE at
 <u>MNDreamAct.OHE@stat</u>
 <u>e.mn.us</u>
- Financial data can be submitted once income has been verified in MNAid



Example of Dream Act Graduate student whose income has been verified. The income verification will not be listed in reason.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or MN Dream Act *and does not have any loan defaults*
- Enrolled in an approved Minnesota teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching for initial licensure
- Meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - \odot Intend to teach in a designated rural school district in Minnesota
 - Intend to teach in an identified license shortage area
 - Belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce

Financial Data Form

- Select the student on the financial data roster to open the first part of the form
- STG program that the student may be eligible for will be indicated at the top
- Teacher licensure field and school/district will carry over from the student application
 - Can be updated if it's incorrect or have changed

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Tenzi XXX-	n Test #1 XX-XXXX
Program	USTG
Student is a MN Resident	~
s the student eligible for financial aid (not on SAP suspension)?	~
Is the student in an eligible teacher preparation program completing an eligible 12 week or longer student teaching experience?	View PELSB approved MN teacher preparation programs
Teacher Licensure Field	Elementary Education 🗸
School/District	Brimhall Elementary/Roseville Area Schools
CANCEL	SAVE

Financial Data Form - cont'd

- Review and verify the following information as shown on the screenshot.
 - MN residency is not a requirement and only requested for reporting purposes.
 - Teacher licensure field must be an approved program at the institution (view link)
 - "TBD" can be entered in the School/District field but must be updated when confirmed

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		Program	USTG	
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	Is the student in an eligible teacher prepara completing an eligible 12 week or longer stu	ation program dent teaching experience?	~	View PELSB approved MN teacher preparation programs
	Teacher L	icensure Field	Elementary Education	~
	s	chool/District	Brimhall Elementary/R	oseville Area Schools
		CANCEL	SAVE	

Approved Teacher Programs by MN Institution

- Select the link provided on the financial data form to view the approved teacher preparation programs at eligible institutions.
- Find your institution and confirm if the indicated licensure field is listed for your institution.
- Save the list!

College/University	Teacher Preparation Program
Concordia University St. Paul	Teachers of Music: Instrumental
Concordia University St. Paul	Teachers of Music: Vocal
Concordia University St. Paul	Visual Arts
Crown College	Communication Arts and Literature
Crown College	Elementary Education
Crown College	Health
Crown College	Physical Education
Crown College	Social Studies
Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College	Elementary Education
Gustavus Adolphus College	Communication Arts and Literature
Gustavus Adolphus College	Elementary Education
Gustavus Adolphus College	Health
Gustavus Adolphus College	Mathematics
Gustavus Adolphus College	Physical Education
Gustavus Adolphus College	Science: Chemistry
Gustavus Adolphus College	Science: Life Science
Gustavus Adolphus College	Science: Physics
Gustavus Adolphus College	Social Studies
Gustavus Adolphus College	Teachers of Music: Instrumental
Gustavus Adolphus College	Teachers of Music: Vocal

Enter Financial Data

- The second part of the financial data will populate below
- Teaching term will be specified, and
 - If incorrect date, it can be updated in the award rules
 - If incorrect term, it can be changed in the student's STG Record

School/District	ementary/koseville Area Schööls
	Fall 9/6/2024
Degree Seeking	~
Cost Of Attendance (COA)	0
Student Aid Index (SAI)	0
PELL Grant	0
Minnesota State Grant	0
Federal SEOG	0
Tribal Scholarships/Grants	0
Other State/Federal Aid	0
Non-Institutional Awards (Outside Scholarships, 3rd Party Funds, etc.)	0
Institutional Grants, Scholarships, and Waivers	0

CANCEL

SAVE

Enter Financial Data – Cont'd

- Enter student's Degree, COA, SAI and awarded gift aid then Save.
- <u>Do not include</u> Federal or State Work Study, Federal VA Benefits, or student loans.
- After submission, changes to the financial data can be made in the student's STG Record.

	Fall 9/6/2024
Degree Seeking	~
Cost Of Attendance (COA)	0
Student Aid Index (SAI)	0
PELL Grant	0
Minnesota State Grant	0
Federal SEOG	0
Tribal Scholarships/Grants	0
Other State/Federal Aid	0
Non-Institutional Awards (Outside Scholarships, 3rd Party Funds, etc.)	0
Institutional Grants, Scholarships, and Waivers	0

CANCEL

SAVE

SAI Impacts

- Treat negative SAIs as a zero in the STG calculation.
- If a student was packaged for two terms, enter the calculated SAI of the student teaching term
- If a student was packaged for only one term, enter the full "9-month" SAI or the SAI that you are using in your financial aid management system.
 - Keep in mind that some students may be graduating after their student teaching experience in the Fall so their financial aid may be impacted if awarded for two terms

Financial Data Form will not Populate

- The 2nd part of the financial data form will <u>not</u> populate:
 - If the student is on SAP suspension
 - If student is not enrolled in an approved teacher preparation program or not student teaching
- Select save and the student's eligibility status will update accordingly
 - Ineligible email notifications will be sent out by OHE

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	Teacher Licensure Fi	ield	Elementary Educa	ation 🖌
	School/Dist	trict	Brimhall Elementa	ary/Roseville Area Schools
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Example of Ineligible Status

Submit Financial Data(Student Teacher Grants) × #1-1745(STUE	DENTTEACHERGRANTS) X
Student Teache Academic Ye	er Grants Record ear 2024-2025
SSN: XX	K-XX-XXXX
Current STG Status	Ineligible
Reason(s)	Not Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
	Ineligible Teacher Preparation Program

Example of STG status if student does not meet SAP requirements or not enrolled in approved program at institution or student teaching

View Applicant: STG Record

- Enter the SSN or MNAid ID in quick view to pull up the student's STG Record
- STG Record will contain:
 - \odot Application status
 - **o Student Information**
 - Application Information
 - \odot Financial Data
 - Payment Information

MN AID	Home #1-1745(STUDENTTEACHERGRANTS) X
Student Teacher Grants	Student Teacher Grants Record
Quick View	Academic Year 2024-2025
SSN GO	SSN: XXX-XX-XXXX
MNAID ID GO	Current STG Status Eligible Pending Award
Tenzin Test #1 SSN: XXX-XXXX	Student Information
- Existing Grants/Scholarships	
Transaction History	Name Test #1, Tenzin
Payment History	Address
FAFSA Data	City, State, Zip
No Questionnaire Data	Home Phone Number
Document Management	Cell Phone Number
	Email Address diamee.xiong.yang@state.mn.us
	Date Of Birth
	Gender
	MN AID ID
	UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION

STG Record: Application Information

- Application information will include:
 - Data entered by the applicant and the Financial Aid Office
 - STG program and award status
 - Application completion dates
 - \odot SELF Default Holds

Current Institution	003969-00, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES	Spring Institution	003969-00, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES
Fall Institution	003969-00, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES	Summer2 Institution	003969-00, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES
STG Program	USTG	Award Status	n/a
Student Teaching Term	Fall	Application Date	4/26/2024
Hispanic or Latino	No	Application Complete Date	4/26/2024
Race	Asian	Teacher Licensure Field	Elementary Education
MN Residency Meets SAP Requirements	Yes	School/District	Brimhall Elementary/Roseville Area Schools
Eligible for Teacher Prep Program	Yes	Intend to Teach in Rural District in MN	No
		SELF Default Holds	n/a

STG Record: Update Application

- Select Update Application to make any changes and corrections to specific fields (as shown on the screenshot)
- When the student teaching placement has been confirmed, update the School/District field
- Make sure to enter or update financial data if:
 - Student teaching term was switched to another term
 - Student is no longer on SAP suspension

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	Meets SAP	Yes	✓ Hispanic or Latino	No	' Roseville	
Meet	Requirements	Vor	Race	Asian 🗸		
Eligi	Program		Teacher Licensure Field	Elementary Educatior 👻		
			School/District	Brimhall Elementary/Ros		
		CANCEL	SAVE			

STG Record: Update Financial Data

- Financial data entered will be accessible
- Make direct updates if there are any changes to COA, SAI, or financial aid
- Will adjust remaining need and <u>may</u> adjust STG amount *if awarded*
- Can make updates prior to disbursement of funds to institutions

nancial Data	
	Fail
Degree Seeking	Bachelors
Cost Of Attendance (COA)	16516
Student Aid Index (SAI)	81
PELL Grant	3698
Vinnesota State Grant	2475
Federal SEOG	0
Tribal Scholarships/Grants	0
Other State/Federal Aid	0
Non-Institutional Awards (Outside Scholarships, 3rd Party Funds, etc.)	0
nstitutional Grants, Scholarships, and Waivers	2500
Remaining Need (calculated)	7762

UPDATE FINANCIAL DATA

Awarded & Ready to Certify

- Awarded students will be added to the certification roster
- Financial data can be viewed for each student in the roster but changes must be made in the student's STG Record
- Select "yes" to certify then save. *If any changes are needed afterwards, contact Program Administrator*

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Certification

- Certification will open at different times for each term (check award rules). The Certification roster can be generated beforehand in Reports
- When certifying, institutions must **review the accuracy of the financial data** entered for each recipient and make the necessary updates
- Any certified recipients with missing School/District information will be **declined**
- Do <u>not</u> certify a student for a payment period/term until the student is registered

O Best practice: Certify a student after the add/drop deadline

• Financial Aid staff with administrator access level can certify.

Payments

• Financial Aid Office will receive a payment confirmation email when program funds are paid out/disbursed

• Disbursement of funds will began about 3-4 weeks after the start of each term

- Payment file will be available in the Payment History located in STG menu
- Payment rosters can be generated in MNAid through Reports and provided to business office if an invoice is needed
- Payments will be posted in the student's payment history in quick view and STG Record
- **Refunds will also be included** in the payment roster and payment history

Adjustments to Financial Data After Disbursement

After disbursement of funds, changes to financial data must be made in the student's payment history.

- If results in a refund, must be returned within 30 days
- If result in an increase of funds, OHE will review and notify Financial Aid Office if approved

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ndian Scholarship				Address	1119 44 12 AVE NE		
			City,S	tate,Zip	MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55421		
tudent Teacher Grants			Home Phone I	Vumber	(612)224-0640		
ystem Administration			Cell Phone I	Number			
Quick View			Date	of Birth	09/30/2002		
SCN GO			Email	Address	diamee.xiong.yang@state.mn.us		
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Select the payment amount to access the adjustment form

Adjustment Form

- Make the changes and provide the reason why.
- Click on "calculate adjustment"- this will not SAVE the changes
- If the payment amount is affected, you will receive a message <u>before</u> you can save

*Example shown is the result of a refund

	0
Other State/Federal Aid:	0
Non-Institutional Awards (Outside Scholarships, 3rd Party Funds, etc.):	0
Institutional Grants, Scholarships, and Waivers:	2500
Reason:	~
CALCULATE ADJUSTMENT	CANCEL
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The new payment is \$5262 resulting in a \$ School Program	-2238 adjustment. Click SAVE to continue UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES Student Teacher Grants
The new payment is \$5262 resulting in a \$ School Program Degree Seeking:	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES Student Teacher Grants Bachelors
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Refund Process

- Financial Aid Office must fill out the OHE Refund Return Form for any grant refunds
 - Now available as a fillable online form that will generate a pdf copy to provide to the business office
 - Must enter recipient's information, the STG program (STSA or USTG), refund amount, aid year, and the reason for the refund
 - Refund form is located at <u>Campus Financial Aid Administrator Resources</u> (state.mn.us)
- Once OHE receives the refund check, it will be documented in MNAid and available to view in both the payment history and roster

How do you know who applied?

- Go to Search to pull up all STG applicants
 - Can filter search by eligibility status or payment status
- Generate Student Data Report which will include:
 - $\circ~$ Applicant's information
 - Student teaching details
 - $\,\circ\,$ Eligibility status
 - $\,\circ\,$ Application date
 - Payment amount

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MN AID	Home Search X	
Search	SSN First 5	
Reports	SSN Last 4	
File Requests		
Send Email	Phone Number	
Неір	Email Address	
Student Teacher Grants	Additional Search Criteria	
Quick View	Academic Year	2024-2025 🗸
	Aid Program	Student Teacher Grants 👻
	Search Type	~
	Sort Criteria	
	Sort By	
		SUBMIT CRITERIA RESET CRITERIA

Resources & Tools

- Student Teacher Grants websites are updated! (there are two sites)
 - <u>Minnesota Student Teacher Grants (state.mn.us)</u> Program details, eligibility requirements, and access to the application
 - <u>Student Teacher Grants Programs (state.mn.us)</u> 24-25 STG Manual and training materials
- What's coming soon?
 - \odot Student and School FAQ Sheet
 - \odot One Pager Fact Sheet
 - How-to Guides (i.e. application, certification, and search instructions)

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THANK YOU!