

# Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance (TCSGA) Expansion

## 2023 FACT SHEET

### ABOUT

The Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance (TCSGA) program provides financial assistance to tribally-controlled colleges to support the education of enrolled students who are Minnesota residents but not members of a federally-recognized Indian tribe (defined in statute as non-beneficiary students). Currently, eligible colleges receive annual awards based on the number of full-time non-beneficiary students. An overwhelming majority of tribal college-attending students are American Indian and tribal members but are not included in the grant calculation and award.

### TRIBAL COLLEGE IMPACT

Minnesota's tribal colleges are valuable assets to their tribes, local communities, and the State. They serve as vital cultural centers, while providing quality postsecondary education to students who are tribal members, of American Indian ancestry but are not enrolled members of a federally-recognized Indian tribe, as well as students who are not American Indian.

### BACKGROUND

Program established in 2013

### FUNDING

#### CURRENT APPROPRIATION

**\$150,000**/year **FY22-23**

#### PROPOSED APPROPRIATION

**\$1.85M**/year increase **FY24-25**

#### CURRENT AWARD PER STUDENT

**\$5,300** maximum per non-beneficiary student

#### PROPOSED AWARD PER STUDENT

**\$6,484** maximum per non-beneficiary student and beneficiary student

### BY THE NUMBERS

**25.22**

average annual number of enrolled non-beneficiary students

**400**

average annual total number of enrolled non-beneficiary and beneficiary students

**100**

average annual amount of students who are full-time (15 credits)

### PARTICIPATING COLLEGES

Eligible participating colleges include Leech Lake Tribal College, Red Lake Nation College, and White Earth Tribal and Community College.

### STUDENT POPULATION

Approximately 15-20% of the total undergraduate American Indian and Alaska Native students are enrolled at a MN Tribal College compared to those enrolled at any other MN postsecondary institution.

### THE NEED

Other Minnesota public higher education institutions receive direct appropriations from the state, averaging \$6,885 per full-time student in 2019. In contrast, the existing TCSGA grant formula uses a maximum per FTE rate of \$5,300 and only includes Minnesota resident non-beneficiary students in the calculation.

### SUPPORT, ALIGNMENT AND EQUITY

This proposal seeks to increase the support for Minnesota Tribal Colleges by expanding TCSGA to recognize both beneficiary and non-beneficiary Minnesota resident degree-seeking undergraduate students. The proposal also seeks to align the funding for Minnesota tribal colleges with the state's support with other public institutions in Minnesota.

To achieve these goals, the proposal modifies the student population used to determine the grant amount issued to eligible institutions. The proposal also increases the maximum per FTE rate from \$5,300 to the highest annual tuition and fees charged at a public two-year institution (\$6,484 for 2022-2023).

### THE IMPACT

By increasing the state's support of Minnesota tribal colleges, these institutions will be able to reinvest funds into postsecondary education and services - allowing for a greater ability to support the persistence and completion of all students and work toward closing the educational attainment gaps between American Indian students and their white, non-Hispanic peers.

### EVALUATING RESULTS

Metrics to be used to evaluate results of expanded program:



Educational attainment rate of American Indian students in Minnesota



Student Graduation and Transfer Rates of eligible Minnesota Tribal Colleges



Qualitative information related to student experience and student support services