

## Minnesota Promise – Free Tuition

Attention Minnesota high school students! If your family income is at or below the amount listed below, state and federal financial aid will likely cover your tuition and fees to attend any two-year community and technical college, a training program or any of seven state universities.\*

Family size	Family Income at or below
1 child	\$30,000
2 children	\$40,000
3 children	\$45,000
4 children	\$50,000
5 or more children	\$55,000

### Where does the money come from?

Together, the federal Pell Grant and the Minnesota State Grant programs provide Minnesota students with need-based grants to help them pursue education beyond high school.

### Does the money need to be paid back?

No. These are grants, not loans, and do not need to be paid back. These grants are public investments in your future.

### Am I limited to attending certain colleges?

No. The tuition and fees at Minnesota's community and technical colleges and seven state universities are all less than \$7,000 annually for the 2009-2010 academic year. Other Minnesota colleges may have higher tuition and fees. Students eligible for need-based financial aid may use their aid to attend any institution to which they are accepted.

### How do I apply?

Before enrolling in college, the student and his or her family must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (or FAFSA). This application requires income information from the family and is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal and many state financial aid programs. Applying online works best.

### Are there additional sources of aid?

Yes. For example, Minnesota high school students who complete more challenging courses while in high school and qualify for state and federal aid may also get up to \$4,000 to attend college from the Achieve Scholarship. Students may apply for scholarships awarded directly from colleges for their academic achievement or a specific talent, they may be able to work on campus part time, or receive a grant for child care.

### Will the grants be available to me each year?

Yes, if you are eligible. The federal Pell grant program has existed since 1974 and the Minnesota State Grant Program has been awarding grants since 1969.

\*The amounts shown are approximate generalizations for the 2008 income tax year and the 2009-2010 academic year. Financial aid eligibility and tuition and fees will change annually. A student's financial aid eligibility may be affected by other factors such as family assets (not including primary residence or retirement savings), the student's citizenship status and other factors.