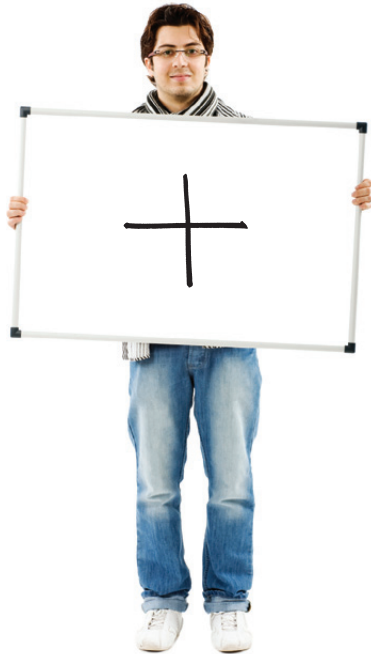


# Minnesota's Private Colleges



# We're affordable.

## Guess what? The amount you pay at a private college could be less than what you'd pay at a public institution.

If your family is like 92% of the families of our students, your tuition bill will be reduced by financial aid you never have to pay back.

*On average, our students end up paying only about half of the full tuition price.*

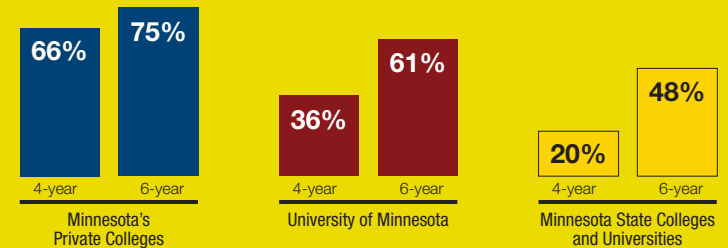
In other words, Minnesota's private colleges do their best to make sure you can afford to attend.

That's possible because our institutions award more than \$288 million in institutional grants and scholarships.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Statistics say you're much more likely to graduate on time at one of Minnesota's private colleges. Our *four-year* graduation rate of 66% is better than the *six-year* graduation rates at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Why pay for extra semesters when you can finish in four years and start earning money or working on another degree sooner?

### GRADUATION RATES OF MINNESOTA INSTITUTIONS



97% of our alumni say the amount they and their families paid for college was worth it.

Want to learn more about paying for a private education? Start at [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying/afford.php](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying/afford.php)

# Excellence within your reach.

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## **When you hear the phrase “private college,” something immediately pops into your mind.**

Is it “high quality”? If so, that’s good ... because Minnesota’s private colleges can indeed offer you academic excellence.

Is it “expensive”? If so, that’s not so good ... because it may stop you from finding out how Minnesota’s private colleges can, in fact, be affordable for you.

We are the Minnesota Private College Council, an organization made up of 17 of Minnesota’s private colleges and universities, and our goal is to show you how excellence is within your reach.

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University of St. Thomas

# We prepare you for career success.

## The knowledge and skills you gain at a Minnesota private college are exactly what employers seek.

You'll actively participate in classes with engaging professors—and you *will* be taught by professors, not graduate students. You'll receive the personalized attention that challenges and supports you to succeed at your highest level. The average student-to-faculty ratio at our colleges is 13:1, and 58% of classes have less than 20 students.

But more importantly, your faculty mentors work with you outside the classroom to help you apply what you've learned in the same situations you will face on the job or in graduate school. And, they'll be the same professors writing persuasive letters of recommendation for you because they *really* know you.

The result? Your educational experiences both on- and off-campus will give you the tools you need to achieve your goals beyond college.

## DID YOU KNOW?

89% of our alumni say they gained real-world experience and workforce preparation before they graduated through internships, hands-on research, study abroad and other interactive experiences that made them career-ready.

**“A liberal arts education from one of Minnesota’s private colleges prepares students well for the workforce. They learn how to look at things from different angles and perspectives — a critical capability as they enter a constantly changing world of work that requires the ability to continually learn and develop.”**

— Paul Erdahl  
VP, Global Leadership & Talent Development  
Medtronic, Inc.

About 24% of our students go on to graduate school immediately after they earn their bachelor's degree.

Looking for a specific major that connects to your career goals? Check the list at [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/majors](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/majors)

# We're not all the same.

## There are 17 colleges in the Minnesota Private College Council. We dare you to find any two that are just alike!

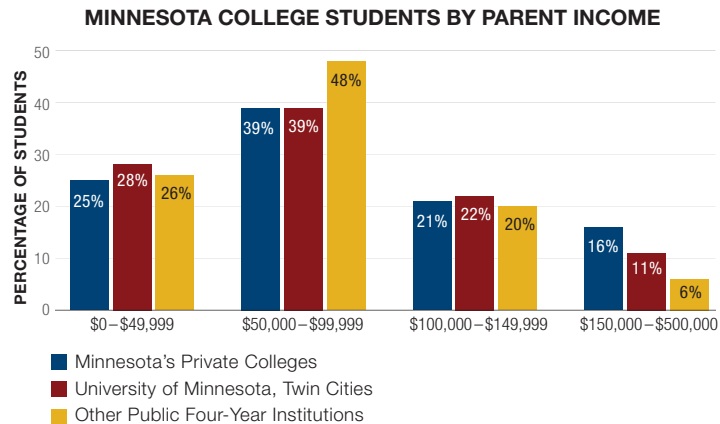
Visit one campus and you could see flyers for a sale of student artwork. At another, you might see the rugby team practicing. One campus might offer a view of the downtown skyline, while another lets you view starry night skies. Informal Bible study groups could be the big thing at one college, where at another it's environmental conservation and sustainable living.

And there's no "stereotypical" private college student, either. About a third of Minnesota's undergraduates earn their degrees at one of our colleges. Students from other states and countries make up about a fourth of our student populations.

With students from all backgrounds and campuses with all sorts of different personalities and activities, you're sure to find a Minnesota private college that feels right for you.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our students come from families of all income levels.



Source: Minnesota Private College Research Foundation analysis of U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007-08 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:08).

Students of color represent 12% of our student body—about the same as Minnesota's demographic make-up.

Wondering where you'll fit in? Go to [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/colleges](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/colleges)

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