

Minnesota Private Colleges: State Impact

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Our students graduate ready to contribute to Minnesota's economy.

Our grads start careers sooner: Our colleges' four-year graduation rate is #1 in Minnesota and the Midwest. And we're #3 in the nation.

71% of our recent graduates stay in Minnesota, strengthening the state's workforce and tax base.

The median income of our alums working full-time in Minnesota four years after graduation is \$54,600.

We offer the state a great return on its investment.

30% of all bachelor's degrees earned in Minnesota last year were earned at our colleges.

Our 300,000 alumni in Minnesota contribute to the vitality of their communities in every corner of the state.

Only 3% of the state's spending on higher education funded State Grant awards for students at our colleges last year. (The only way the state spends money to help our colleges is through the State Grant program. It provides need-based grants that go to low- and middle-income students at public and private colleges.)

We focus on keeping college affordable.

Our institutions award more than \$613 million in institutional grants and scholarships to undergrads.

Our students come from all income levels. The median family income for FAFSA-filing Minnesota students at our colleges is \$83,400, which is lower than at the U of M.

Due to grants and scholarships, the listed tuition at our colleges is cut by 61% on average for a first-year student.

Our students reflect Minnesota and the world.

25% of our undergrads are students of color and American Indian students. (This figure excludes international students.)

Most of our students are from Minnesota (68%); the remainder are from elsewhere in the United States (27%) or other nations (5%).

20% of our students are "first-generation," meaning that neither of their parents completed college.

Member Colleges

Augsburg University
Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University
Carleton College
College of Saint Benedict
The College of St. Scholastica
Concordia College
Concordia University, St. Paul
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Macalester College
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Saint John's University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
St. Catherine University
St. Olaf College
University of St. Thomas

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