MINNESOTA POST-SECONDARY GUIDE

Southeast Service Cooperative

What is this guide and how to use it?

This guide is intended to be your go-to resource for navigating the transition from high school to post-secondary opportunities. Refer back to this guide as you work through each step for the most up-to-date information.

Whether you are a counselor, educator, parent, or student, we understand there's a lot to consider when planning the next steps post-high school.

Did You Know...

1 : 2 : 7

For every **one** job that requires a masters degree or more, there are **two** jobs that require a four-year degree, and **seven** jobs that require a two-year degree or certificate.

-Success In the New Economy" YouTube, uploaded by Substance Media Inc., 28 January 2015, https://youtu.be/zs6nQpVI164x.

What will I find in this guide?

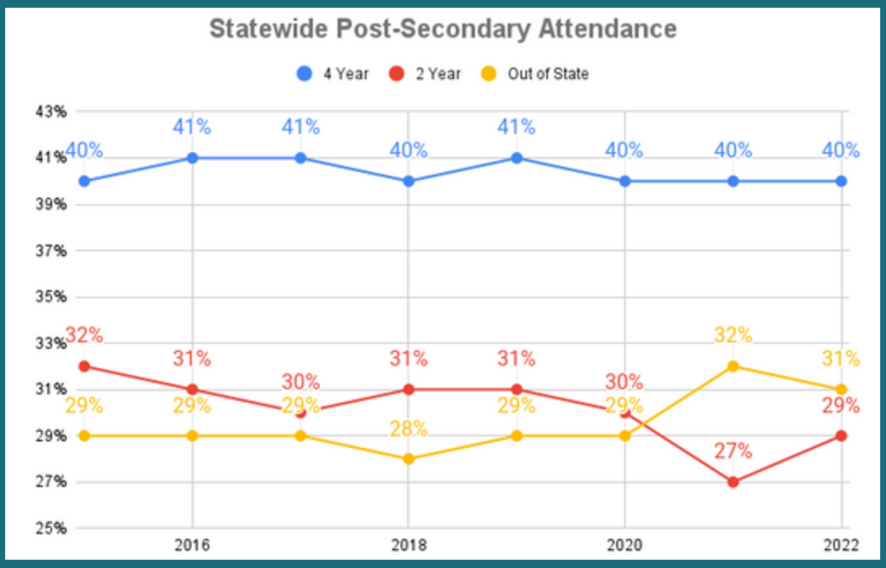
This is a collaboration of resources for you to explore. The following pages contain checklists, activities, and extensive resources for soon-to-be-graduates to explore. Please note that clicking on the links will direct you to external resources, but be sure to return to this guide as you progress through the steps of post-secondary preparation.

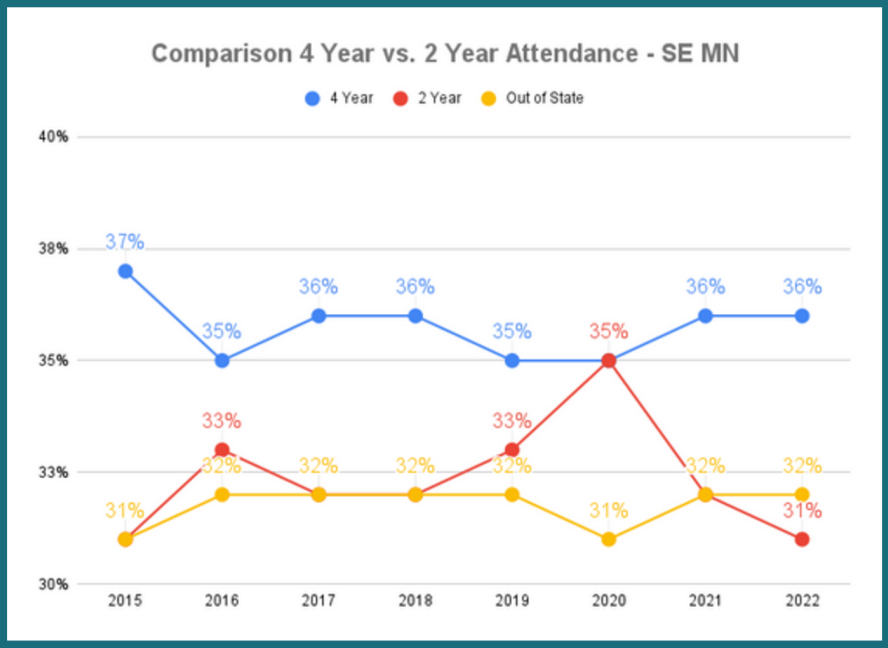
Links to FutureForward™

Future*Forward*™ (**www.Future*Forward*.org**) is a FREE online tool that helps connect employers and post-secondary training partners with youth, parents, educators, and counselors. Explore links to guide you through Future*Forward*™ and discover its benefits for students, parents, counselors, and teachers.

THE STEPPING STONES TO YOUR FUTURE

Learn more about the top-attended colleges and universities of Minnesota students. Learn about support resources for college-bound students and their families, training options available locally, and everything in between!



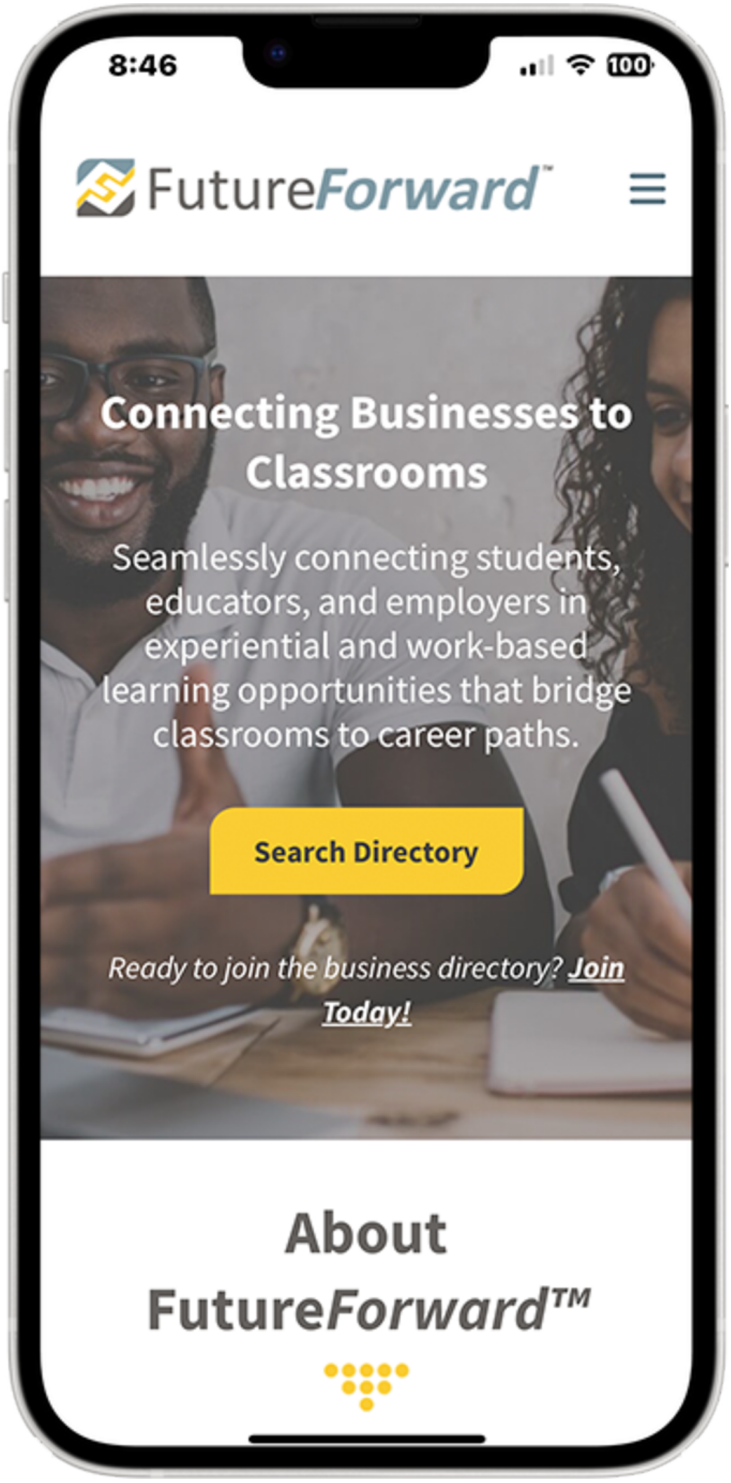


sleds.mn.gov

Students and Educators:

Our Resources at Your Fingertips

FutureForward™ The App:



- On-The-Go Resources for Career Planning
- Scan QR Codes at College & Career Fairs and be instantly connected
- Watch Career Videos Anytime, Anywhere

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

STUDENTS/PARENTS:

TRAVEL THE THREE E'S ACTIVITIES



As you explore the resources on Future*Forward*™, you will find a step-by-step guide for career exploration, called the 3 E's Roadmap. This map is intended to provide resources to help you start or continue your journey of career exploration utilizing fun and interactive activities, provide links to dive deeper into areas of interest, and continue to build on your previous experiences.

EXPLORATION

- **Explore Interests, Skills, and Values**
- **Match to Careers**
- **Explore Careers & Job Outlook**

EXPOSURE

- **Career Videos**
- **Informational Interviews**
- **Tours, Events, and Job Shadows**

EXPERIENCE

- **On-The-Job Training, Internships, and Apprenticeships**
- **Career Goals**
- **Training & Education**

Minnesota's Top 5

In 2022 the top five colleges with the highest attendance of students from Minnesota the year after high school graduation were:

1. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities - 4,279 students
2. Minnesota State University-Mankato - 1,631 students
3. University of Minnesota-Duluth - 1,515 students
4. North Dakota State University - 1,202 students
5. Normandale Community College - 1,171 students

Find out the Top 5 for graduates of your region or school. Contact Mike Schnell, SE MN SLEDS Regional Data Coach, at mschnell@ssc.coop or 507.281.6683.

sleds.mn.gov

Minnesota's Colleges

For a complete catalog of Minnesota colleges, visit MyHigherEd.mn.gov/colleges and search by program, award level, and campus setting.



SCHOOLS CURRENTLY IN FUTUREFORWARD™

Academy College

Featured Videos:

- Minnesota School Hopes to Ease National Pilot Shortage

Alexandria Technical and Community College

Featured Videos:

- Transportation & Mechanics Overview
- Manufacturing & Construction Overview
- Law Enforcement Overview

College of St. Benedict - St. John's University

Dakota County Technical College (DCTC)

Dunwoody College of Technology

Featured Videos:

- Dunwoody College School of Engineering Senior Capstone
- Engineering Drafting & Design Chessboards
- Automated Systems & Robotics Final Project

Grand Canyon University

Gustavus Adolphus College

Hamline University

Iowa State University

Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Lake Superior College

Featured Videos:

- Overview of Programs, Student Supports, Financial Aid, Community Impact & Student Life
- Meet Kennedy, Duluth East High School
- Meet Misael, Media Students & Production Student
- Meet Jay, CNC Programming Student
- Meet Kailyn, Nursing Student

Luther College

Featured Videos:

- Luther College by Air
- Shaped by You at Luther College

Minneapolis College

Featured Videos:

- HVACR Program
- Computer Software Development

SCHOOLS CURRENTLY IN FUTUREFORWARD™

Minnesota State College Southeast

Featured Videos:

- MSC Southeast: Campus Tour
- MSC Southeast: Transportation Career Program
- MSC Southeast: Engineering, Manufacturing, and Trades
- MSC Southeast: Health Science Careers

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Featured Videos:

- We are Minnesota
- Welcome to Our University
- Big Ideas. Real World Thinking.

North Dakota State University

Featured Videos:

- Experience North Dakota State University
- Why Stay in Fargo
- The Res Life Experience - Upper Division Living
- NDSU Dining | Feeding the Herd

Nova Academy

Riverland Community College

Featured Videos:

- Riverland's Diesel Technology's New Case IH Maxxum Tractor
- Riverland Automotive Service Program
- Theatre Program at Riverland

Rochester Community and Technical College

Featured Videos:

- Experience North Dakota State University
- Why Stay in Fargo
- The Res Life Experience - Upper Division Living
- NDSU Dining | Feeding the Herd

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Winona)

Featured Videos:

- Experiences Saint Mary's University of Winona
- SMU Vlog: Justine Schultz
- Why Visit Saint Mary's University

South Central College

University of Minnesota - Crookston

University of Minnesota - Duluth

Featured Videos:

- University of Minnesota Duluth: Take a Tour!
- UMD - Real Connections

University of Minnesota - Rochester

Featured Videos:

- UMR Impact
- Welcome to the University of Minnesota Rochester
- 2021 State of the Campus

SCHOOLS CURRENTLY IN FUTUREFORWARD™

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - EAU CLAIRE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - LA CROSSE

Featured Videos:

- SSS Information Video
- Living On Campus

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - PLATTEVILLE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STOUT

Featured Videos:

- Virtual Tour
- We're StoutProud!
- Menomonie: Making Memories Off-Campus
- Feels Like Home
- What is a Polytechnic?
- Undecided? Unlimited Opportunities
- Welcome to Menomonie
- We are a School of Art Design
- Human and Social Science Career Cluster

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - SUPERIOR

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

Featured Videos:

- Connected to your Passion

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Featured Videos:

- Connected to your Passion

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Featured Videos:

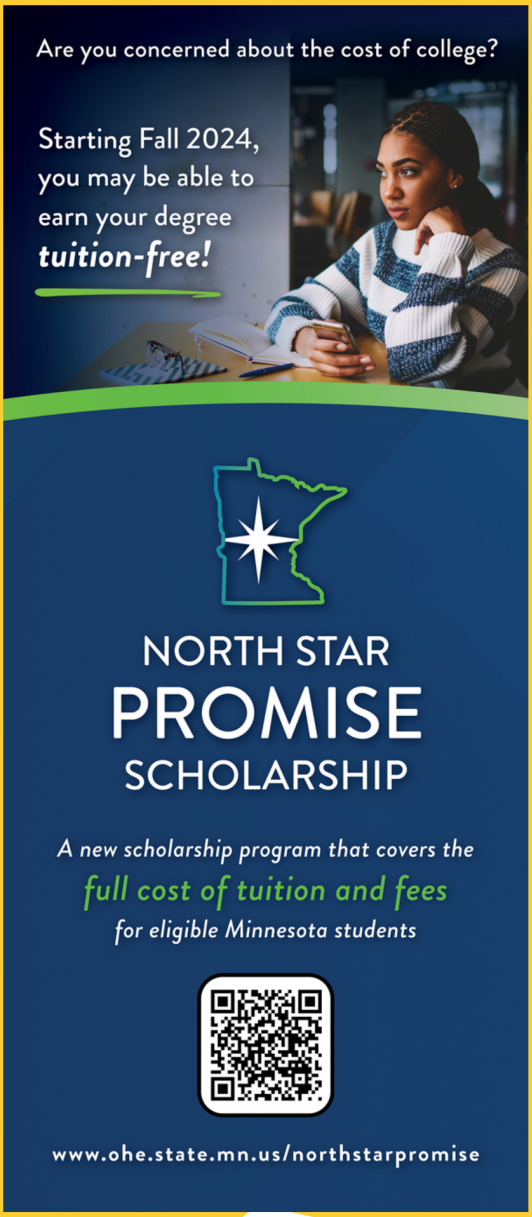
- Counseling Services at WSU
- WSU Campus Tour
- Support Matters
- Warrior Success Center Overview
- WSU Overview

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY - ROCHESTER

Resources from the State

North Star Promise Program

Beginning in fall 2024, the North Star Promise (NSP) Scholarship program will make college accessible and affordable for more Minnesotans. The new scholarship will create a tuition and fee-free pathway to higher education for eligible Minnesota residents at eligible institutions. As a "last-dollar" program, North Star Promise will cover the full remaining balance of tuition and fees after other scholarships, grants, stipends and tuition waivers have been applied. Click the brochures below to learn more about the North Star Promise Scholarship Program.





North Star Promise Fact Sheet

North Star Promise Fact Sheet (Spanish)

North Star Promise Frequently Asked Questions

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Office of Higher Education

Featured Videos:

- Supporting Underrepresented Students in the College Admissions Process
- FAFSA Training & Line by Line Demo
- DREAM Act Training
- Financial Aid What Happens Now?
- Paying for College
- Un Resumen Sobre La Ley Dream De Minnesota
- Financial Aid for Minnesota Undocumented Students
- Myths and Truths about Financial Aid
- College Knowledge: Awareness & Preparation

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education provides a comprehensive guide to college scholarships that your students may be qualified for. For more information, please visit their useful online tool at: myhighered.mn.gov/paying-college/scholarships

Direct Admissions

MN high school seniors no longer have to wonder "Will I get in?" With Direct Admissions, seniors are proactively notified of which participating colleges and universities they are accepted to - before they even apply! Now, seniors can apply with confidence.

If you're looking to attend Minnesota colleges and universities in fall, 2024 the number of Minnesota colleges and universities offering Direct Admission for fall 2024 enrollment has expanded. Once you are notified, you can apply for FREE to the institutions you're interested in attending.

Click for all the details.:

2024 Direct Admissions Toolkit

Is My High School Participating?

Click the HERE to see the full list of participating high schools by region.

Is the College or University I want to Attend Participating?

Click the HERE to see the full list of participating colleges & universities by region.

Southeast Service Cooperative

For questions about this guide please contact:

Mike Schnell
Career-Connected Learning Specialist
Southeast Service Cooperative
mschnell@ssc.coop
507.281.6683