

# Direct Admissions Minnesota

## Your higher education journey starts with direct admission.

The Direct Admissions pilot program is designed to make sure all high school students know that they have college options. Through Direct Admissions, students don't have to ask themselves that "will I get in?" question because everyone will get a personalized list of colleges and universities that are committed to admitting them.

This fall, you will receive communication indicating which participating colleges are ready to admit you based on their admissions criteria and your academic performance. This communication will outline your next steps so you can get more information and secure admission to the right school for you!



We want all Minnesota graduating seniors to know that you have multiple college options in the state! Whether you attend a four-year university, two-year community college, trade school or technical college, all students can take the next step and earn a credential that results in career success.



## Direct Admissions AT A GLANCE

"Direct Admissions" means a student has gained conditional or guaranteed admittance to a college or university, depending on the institution.

Students must complete the college's application (*fees waived*) and submit additional information to officially confirm their admittance to the colleges of their choice.

During the 2022-23 Direct Admissions pilot program, there are:

- 40 participating high schools
- 7,000+ participating seniors
- 47 colleges: All 28 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; University of Minnesota: Crookston, Duluth, and Morris; community, technical and trade schools; private non-profit colleges

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## 2022-23 Timeline:



### EARLY OCTOBER 2022

**Watch for your Direct Admissions communication:** Keep an eye on your inbox! You will be notified of all the colleges that you are eligible for Direct Admissions.



### OCTOBER 2022

**Explore your options:** Determine which college or university is the best fit for you! Visit [MyHigherEd.mn.gov](https://myhighered.mn.gov) and use the college search tool to compare and contrast your choices according to college profiles, program options, institution size, tuition and much more. Schedule a visit to your top colleges, get a feel for the campus, and don't forget to reach out and ask questions!



### OCTOBER 2022 TO SPRING 2023

**Apply to your colleges of choice:** Complete your FREE applications to the colleges and universities that you are interested in.



**Complete FAFSA and explore financial aid options:** Be sure to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)! The FAFSA is the most important step that you can take to pay for college. Maximize your chances to receive grants, scholarships, and other financial aid. You can also connect with your school counselor to ensure you are on track for graduation and identify school scholarships and grants to apply for.




**Make your final decision:** It's time to commit to your next steps! After considering all your options, you should confirm your fall 2023 admission with your desired college.

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## You are college ready. You have options.

**Apply  
for free!**

Minnesota colleges and universities are  
ready to welcome you next fall. 

Don't worry about paying for applications. Application fees are FREE  
for students applying through the Direct Admissions program.

## Paying for college

There are many options that can help you plan how to pay for college and minimize the overall costs of higher education.

### Complete the FAFSA

We strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid through the **Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA)** which is used to determine eligibility for both federal and state financial aid programs. The federal Pell Grant and the Minnesota State Grant provide grants to more than 120,000 students each year. Half of all students who apply receive a Pell Grant or Minnesota State Grant. Grants are based on the cost of the college chosen, family size, and income.

### Where do I start?

The federal **Student Aid website** ([studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)) is a great place to start. You may also want to check out the financial aid section of each college or university you are interested in to find out more about their deadlines and application process for scholarships and other types of college funded aid.

## How did I get selected for Direct Admissions?

Your high school opted-in to the Direct Admission program, and you were included in the program because your academic record showed that you are on track for graduating in spring 2023. Your transcript and contact information were shared through a data-sharing agreement between your high school and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

## How did I get selected for the colleges and universities on my list?

Students are accepted to colleges and universities based on their current GPA and the courses they have completed by the end of their junior year. Colleges and universities participating in Direct Admissions pre-selected tiers of admissions criteria to determine which students they will offer direct admission to.

## NEXT STEPS

### Do I still need to take a placement/standardized test like ACT or SAT?

While many colleges and universities participating in the Direct Admissions program do not require students to submit ACT or SAT scores, students should still consult the website of their top choice institutions to find out more about their current testing recommendations. You may be asked to submit ACT or SAT scores if required by the institution.

### Do I still need to complete an admissions application?

Yes! The Direct Admissions program lets you know your options for schools that are committed to admitting you, but you must complete an admissions application to secure a spot. Remember - your application fee will be waived!

### What if I already applied to colleges or universities on my list? Will this affect my application?

No need to worry about any applications you may have already submitted! Your application will still be processed and there is no need to re-apply. Please note that if you've already submitted an application fee, it will not be refunded.

### I don't see the name of a college that I'm interested in on this letter. Does that mean I can't be admitted there?

Some colleges and universities in Minnesota chose not to opt-in for the Direct Admissions pilot, so you may not see a college you are interested in on the list. If there are other colleges you are interested in, you'll want to apply through their standard admissions processes.

