



FY27 Special Education Teacher Pathway Program Additional Funding Request Form

FY27 Special Education Teacher Pathway Program Grant Overview

The Special Education Teacher Pathway scholarship funds are provided by the Minnesota Department of Education under [Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 122A.77](#), grants under the Special Education Teacher Pathway Program to develop a pipeline of trained, licensed Tier 3 or 4 special education teachers.

- The primary purpose of the grant is to provide tuition assistance and/or other allowable financial and programmatic assistance to qualified candidates currently employed with partner Southwest Minnesota districts so candidates can earn their initial special education teacher license or become properly licensed for their current special education teacher role.
- The first priority is to fund employees who hold a Minnesota Tier 1 or Tier 2 teaching license teaching in special education. The next priority group is to fund employees who hold a Minnesota Tier 3 or Tier 3 teaching license working with an OFP while teaching in special education.
- Recipients of FY27 Special Education Teacher Pathway grant funds are expected to pursue special education teacher employment within Minnesota, especially in their district or SW MN area.

Grant Funding Request Limits: Tuition/Fees, Books, and incidentals (Per Semester):

- **Books/Materials:** Up to \$200
- **Graduate Tuition/Fees:** Up to \$650 per credit
- **Undergraduate Tuition/Fees:** Up to \$500 per credit
- **Other incidental expenses:** At the discretion of grant staff based on funding, need, etc.

Note: Funding awards may vary based on availability of funds, equity considerations, and prioritization of Tier 1 and 2 educators. Research courses, unrelated general education coursework, and materials like notebooks, pens, or research books are not covered by grant funds. Repeat courses are not funded by the SPED Pathway if funds have already been used to pay for the course. Dropped / Withdrawn courses will not be paid for if dropped after the refund date. Final funding decisions are at the sole discretion of SWWC and may change at any time for any reason.

Checklist of Items to Include (attach) with this Funding Request Form

Send to: sped.pathway@swwc.org

Email Subject: [Semester Name] Additional Funding Request (First Name. Last Name)

1. Completed and signed (not typed) Additional Funding Request Form.
2. Supporting documents to go with the funding request (ex.: Updated detailed tuition statement, screenshot of an online cart with items/price and total price, documents showing how this is a need for your current courses, semester, etc.).
3. Any additional information needed that explains this funding request.

Semester Requesting Funding For:	Today's Date:	
Participant's Full Name (First and Last):	Student ID #:	Former Name (if applicable):
Participant's Phone Number:	Participant's School Email Address:	
Participants Address if requesting Textbooks (Include FULL mailing address):		

Additional Funding Request

Tuition & Fees Funding Request (Must provide detailed tuition statement): \$ _____

Books & Materials Funding Request (Must provide book/material list with prices listed): \$ _____

Other (Must provide detailed costs and/or provide a receipt.): \$ _____

Specify Description and Cost: _____

Total Additional SPED Teacher Pathway Funding Requested: \$ _____

FY27 SPED Pathway Additional Funding Request Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that my total funding request is within the allowable amounts provided in my Letter of Commitment, listed on the first page of this document, and as listed in the FY27 Special Education Teacher Pathway Program Handbook.

I understand that grant funding requests are reviewed and awarded each semester, and funding is not guaranteed for the full duration of a licensure program. Funding decisions each semester are based on availability of grant funds, equity considerations, and prioritization of Tier 1 and 2 educators teaching in special education.

Final funding decisions are at the sole discretion of SWWC grant staff and may be modified at any time for any reason. To be considered for additional semester funding, please submit the Funding Request Form along with all required supporting documents to: sped.pathway@swwc.org. Incomplete submissions or failure to provide all necessary documentation may result in denial of additional funding for the semester.

By signing below, I acknowledge and verify the statements above and that the funding request is necessary for the Semester listed above that I am enrolled in.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Filled out by Grant Staff:

Total Additional Funding: _____ Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____