



2018 LeadMN Policy and Legislative Agenda

Federal Legislative Agenda:

1. LeadMN supports federal efforts to lower or eliminate tuition costs for students attending community and technical colleges.
2. LeadMN supports efforts to expand the use of OERs through federal grant programs or other funding initiatives.
3. LeadMN supports efforts to simplify the FAFSA.
4. LeadMN supports postsecondary data reform efforts, specifically the removal of the student unit record ban, expanded information about academic programs and majors, and other efforts that arm students and parents with increased information about the cost and effectiveness relating to educational choices.
5. LeadMN supports maintaining and increasing funding for the PELL Grant and other crucial financial aid programs (TRIO, GEAR UP, and others).
6. LeadMN supports a permanent solution for DACA students.

Minnesota State Legislative Agenda:

1. LeadMN opposes the expansion of student fees to pay for operational expenses.
2. LeadMN supports legislation that requires 15% of all Minnesota State courses to utilize Affordable Textbooks (\$40 or lower).
3. LeadMN supports disclosing the cost of textbooks on the course registration page.
4. LeadMN supports Minnesota State's full bonding request of \$193 million.
5. LeadMN supports the creation of an improved financial aid award letter that will provide students with more information about the true cost of enrollment.
6. LeadMN supports funding for ISRS Next Generation.
7. LeadMN supports increased access to information for students and parents regarding program and major outcomes, job placement rates, and other important data to help inform decision-making.
8. LeadMN supports reform efforts aimed at making Minnesota State campuses more efficient in service delivery, eliminating administrative duplication, and centralizing back-office or core functions in order to ensure all public money (tuition and taxpayer funding) is spent wisely.
9. LeadMN supports a student-friendly process through which college presidents and system chancellors are selected, including the right for students to appoint their representatives to all search advisory committees at both the state and campus level.