



LeadMN 2019 Legislative and Policy 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 maintaining and increasing funding for the PELL Grant and other crucial financial aid programs (TRIO, GEAR UP, and others).
5. LeadMN supports a permanent solution for DACA students.
6. LeadMN opposes changes to Title IX that negatively impacts victims of sexual assault or harassment, and places further strain on institutional resources.
7. LeadMN supports postsecondary data reform efforts, 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.

State Legislative Agenda:

1. LeadMN supports implementing a statewide College Promise program that would provide tuition free college for any family with an income under \$125,000.
2. LeadMN supports efforts to lower the cost of textbooks such as expanding the use of Z-Degrees and Open Educational Resources.
3. LeadMN supports grants to develop food shelves on every Minnesota State campus and efforts to reduce food insecurity for college students.
4. LeadMN supports Minnesota State's budget request of \$246 million in new funding.
5. LeadMN supports Minnesota State's budget request of \$25 million for the MN State Promise Scholarship and \$15 million for the MN State University Transfer Scholarship.
6. LeadMN supports expanding and improving transfer pathways.

Minnesota State

1. LeadMN opposes the expansion of student fees to pay for operational expenses.
2. LeadMN supports strengthening the student consultation process in board policy.
3. LeadMN supports every campus having a dedicated testing center for or credit for prior learning advisor/assessor.
4. LeadMN supports increasing protections for PSEO students from high school retaliation and discrimination.
5. LeadMN supports the Minnesota State System Office exploring improved transportation options for students.