



MN State Schools and the UW System

# Minnesota State Schools and Universities

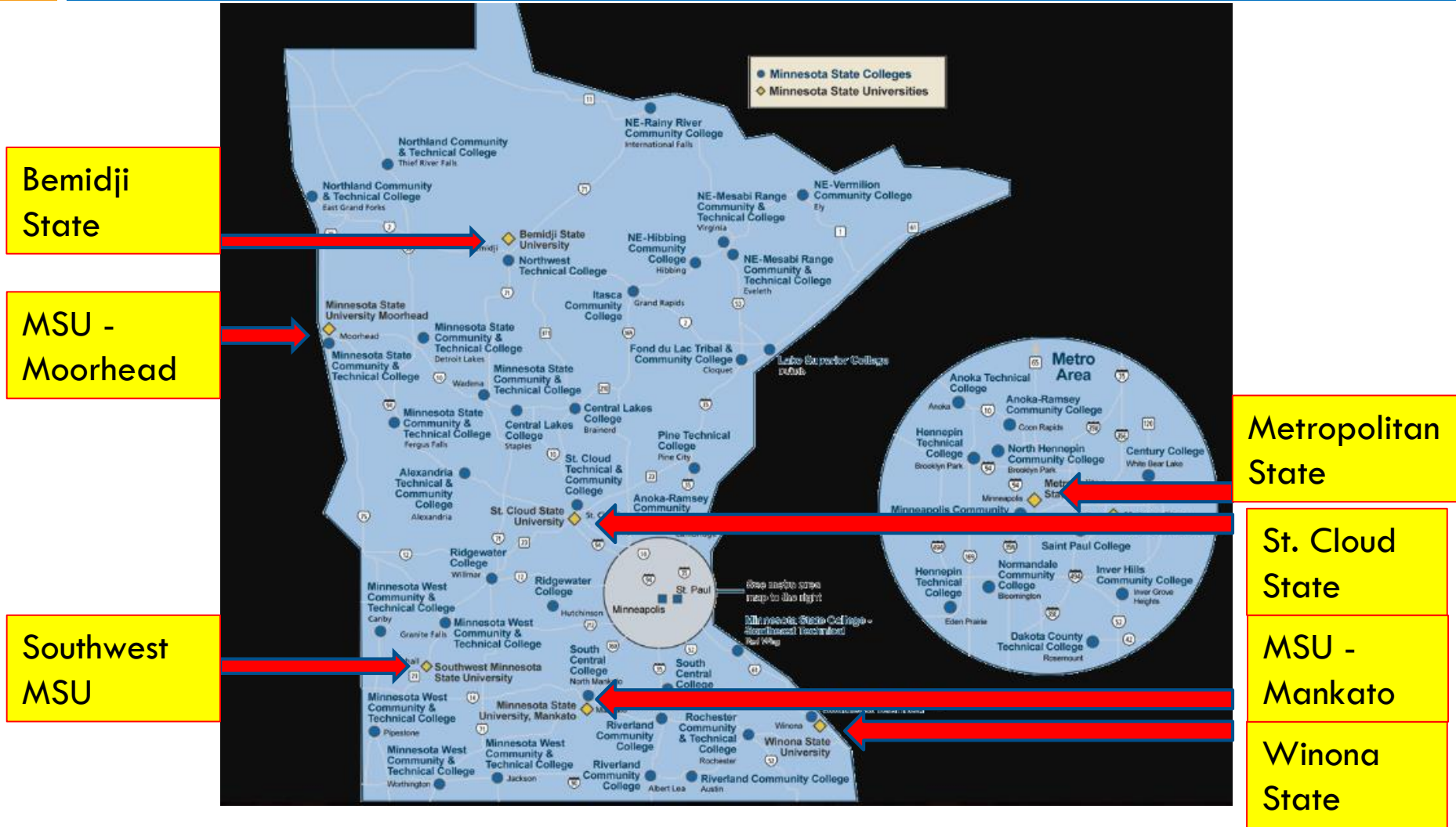
- State affiliated or funded colleges and universities that are more affordable than other public and private colleges and universities
- There are seven MNSCU schools that offer 4 year degrees for students

## Why State Schools?

- Economical value
- Transfer credits more widely accepted
- Admissions are not as competitive



# 4 Year Minnesota State Schools



# Comparing Average Costs (per year – includes housing)

- UW – River Falls: \$15,000
- UW – Eau Claire: \$17,000
- St. Cloud State: \$17,000
- MSU – Mankato: \$18,000
- U of M – Duluth: \$24,000
- U of M – TC: \$27,000
- Hamline and Augsburg- \$52,000\*
- St. Thomas- \$54,000\*
- Carleton- \$68,000\*

\* The sticker price of private colleges is much higher but they may give much more merit based aid to students



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[http://washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us/counseling\\_office](http://washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us/counseling_office)

# Bemidji State University

- ▣ Admissions: Top 1/2 of class or 21 on ACT
- ▣ Priority deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▣ Average cost of attendance: \$16,000/year
- ▣ **Students:** 6,231 students (10% SOC)
- ▣ **Largest Programs:** Tech Studies, Phy Ed, Education, Biology, Crim. Justice, Business
- ▣ **Unique Programs:** Applied Eng, Aquatic Biology, Sports Management, Int'l Business, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Medicine
- ▣ **Highlights:**
  - Lakeside campus
  - Hew high tech nursing and science facilities
  - More than 65 majors and pre-professional programs
  - Environmental and global stewardship focus
  - Only 3% of classes have more than 50 students
  - 60% have 20 or fewer students
  - 17 to 1 ratio of student to faculty



# Metro State University

- ▣ Admissions: Top 1/2 of class or 21 on ACT or 3.0 GPA
- ▣ Priority deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>
- ▣ Tuition: \$8,000/year (most students commute)
- ▣ **Students:** 11,676 students (38% SOC)
- ▣ **Largest Programs:** Individualized Studies, Business, Accounting, Criminal Justice, Nursing
- ▣ **Unique Programs:** Computer Forensics, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Theater, Education
- ▣ **Highlights:**
  - Student population more ethnically and generationally reflective of Twin Cities
  - Daytime, evening , and weekend classes
  - 1 main campus and several other campuses throughout metro area
  - Many options for on-line learning and credits through non-classroom experience
  - No Housing

- Admissions: Top 1/2 of class or 3.0 GPA or 21 on ACT
  - Alternate admissions process for those who do not qualify
- Priority deadline: December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Average cost of attendance: \$18,000/year
- Students: 18,000 students (13% SOC)
- Largest Programs: Nursing, Elementary Ed, Biology, Law Enforcement, Business
- Unique Programs: Athletic Training, Automotive Engineering Technology, Construction Mgmt, Civil Eng, Comp Eng, Dental Hygiene, School Psychology
- Highlights:
  - Many new campus buildings
  - Large exercise facilities, “Tech Rec” (40 machines with internet and cable)
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# MSU - Moorhead



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  - Call for alternate admissions process
- Average cost of attendance: \$17,000/year
- **Students:** 8,930 students (6.3% SOC)
- **Largest Programs:** Business, Elementary Ed, Mass Communication, Biosciences, Art
- **Unique Programs:** Athletic Training, Biotechnology, Construction Mgmt, Exercise Science, Film Studies, Music Industry, Graphic Communications, Pharmacy, Vet. Science, Physical Therapy
- **Highlights:**
  - Award winning film studies program, theater, education, graphic design, construction
  - NDSU, Concordia nearby--- co-op courses
  - 69 majors
  - Professors teach 99% of classes
  - Student-faculty ratio 19:1
  - 73% classes have fewer than 30 students



# St. Cloud State University



- Admissions: Top 1/2 of class or 21 on ACT
- Average cost of attendance: \$17,000/year
- **Students:** 19,500 students (15% SOC)
- **Largest Programs:** Mass Communications, Management, Marketing, Finance, Accounting
- **Unique Programs:** Engineering Mgmt, Hydrology, Latin American Studies, Meteorology, Real Estate, Travel and Tourism, Medical Technology, Women's Studies, Chiropractic, Dental Hygiene
- **Highlights:**
  - 200 Undergraduate programs
  - Award winning student newspaper, radio and TV Station
  - Close to the Twin Cities
  - One of the nation's largest producers of teachers



- **Average cost of attendance: \$16,000/year**
- **Students:** 8,873 (8% SOC)
- **Largest Programs:** Business, Education, Phy Ed, Hospitality Management, Marketing
- **Unique Programs:** Culinary Arts, Global Studies, Radio and Television, Professional Writing, Pre-Dentistry, Mortuary Science, Forestry, Pre-Optometry, Agronomy
- **Highlights:**
  - **Leader in Agricultural Studies**
  - **New Rec Facility and Student Plaza**
  - **Unique coed and themed dormitories available**
  - **Renovated science labs**
  - **Small class sizes**



# Winona State University



- Admissions: 21 or higher on the ACT with a 2.75 GPA  
OR 18-20 on the ACT with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Priority deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Average cost of attendance: \$18,000/year
- **Students:** 9,549(9% SOC)
- **Largest Programs:** Nursing, Elementary Ed, Business, Biology, Exercise Science
- **Unique Programs:** Child Advocacy, Materials Engineering, Aviation Science, Music Business, Graphic Design, Pre-Vet Medicine, Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Pharmacy
- **Highlights:**
  - Ranked as top public institution by various periodicals
  - Free-laptops and wireless access
  - 82 majors
  - Leader in health care education
  - Competitive sports programs



Apply for

**FREE**

All Minnesota State College and Universities will be **free** to apply to from **October 22 – October 26!**

The following universities will be **free to apply to during the entire month of October:**

- Bemidji State University
- Minnesota State University – Moorhead
- Southwest Minnesota State University
- St. Cloud State University

- The UW System is similar to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities:
  - ▣ Partially funded by the state
  - ▣ More accessible in regards to cost of attendance and admittance standards
  - ▣ Wide range of campus enrollments, degrees and programs

# UW Universities

- There are thirteen comprehensive universities in the University of Wisconsin System that grant baccalaureate and master's degrees:
  - UW–Eau Claire
  - UW–Green Bay
  - UW–La Crosse
  - UW – Milwaukee
  - UW - Madison
  - UW–Oshkosh
  - UW–Parkside
  - UW–Platteville
  - UW–River Falls
  - UW–Stevens Point
  - UW–Stout
  - UW–Superior
  - UW–Whitewater



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# Fast Facts for Popular UW Schools

## □ Eau Claire

- Average ACT 22-27
- Average percentile: 62<sup>nd</sup>-86<sup>th</sup>
- Priority deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Average cost of attendance: \$17,000

## □ La-Crosse

- Average ACT 23-26
- Average percentile: 69<sup>th</sup>-90<sup>th</sup>
- Priority deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Average cost of attendance: \$16,000

# UW Universities – Fast Facts

- Milwaukee
  - ▣ ACT score of 21 or higher or top ½ of class preferred
  - ▣ Priority deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ▣ Average cost of attendance: \$17,000
- River Falls
  - ▣ ACT score of 22 or in top ½ of class preferred
  - ▣ Priority deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ▣ Average cost of attendance: \$15,000
- Stout
  - ▣ ACT score of 22 or higher or in top ½ of class
  - ▣ Priority deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ▣ Average cost of attendance: \$16,000

# Take-Aways



- MNSCU and UW System schools are more affordable than most other public and private colleges and universities
- Research them: They share similarities but all have their own personalities
- Apply early
- Use the Net Price Calculator on each school website to get an accurate idea of what you can expect to pay
- Talk to your counselor or stop in the CCC for more information

APPLY  
NOW 

# Additional Information

- Check Naviance to sign up for visits (upcoming visits)
  - ▣ UW – Superior: 10/22
  - ▣ Winona State: 11/5
  - ▣ MSU – Moorhead: 11/8



- Apply to MNSCU schools: [www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.edu)
- (Remember: Free application to Minnesota State schools from 10/24-10/31)
- Apply to UW schools: <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>
- DON'T FORGET: send ACT scores to schools