



LOCATION:
Marshall

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FY18 STUDENT PROFILE: 8,739 Credit-seeking Students | **10.5%** Pell Eligible | **10.4%** Students of Color

Request Details

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

- » \$5.3 million of \$169 million in campus support
- » 9,161 students, faculty, and staff will use NextGen
- » An estimated 60 students will receive grants

What's At Stake?

A fully funded request will:

- » Sustain new investments in key academic programs such as agriculture education, agronomy, exercise science, and education.
- » Help maintain necessary support programs for student retention and completion.

Not fully funding the request will:

- » Jeopardize the quality of programs and services available to students.
- » Result in faculty and staff reductions.
- » Lead to fewer sections and electives offered, which will hinder a timely path to student degree completion.

2019 Capital Request

- » \$6.5 million in asset preservation and replacement to repair exteriors and replace pool deck

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) prepares students for personal and professional success with high-quality professional programs offered in the liberal arts tradition. In response to industry demand, SMSU has renewed emphasis on agriculture programs. New initiatives also include a four-year exercise science program delivered on Twin Cities two-year campuses; strategic partnerships addressing shortfalls in special education licensure across the state; and a partnership with Minnesota West Community & Technical College to help alleviate the shortage of teachers of color in southwest Minnesota.

SERVICE TO MINNESOTA

- » Each year, SMSU generates \$173.1 million in economic impact, as well as produces 649 graduates, and supports and sustains 1,421 jobs.
- » SMSU is the regional education hub for southwest MN, with nearly 40% of degree-seeking students coming from the region.

- » Graduates have a 99% employment rate.
- » SMSU is the first and largest provider of concurrent enrollment programs in the state, serving more than 5,000 students annually.

PARTNERSHIPS

- » **Schwan's Company:** Lends industry expertise and student intern opportunities.
- » **Ralco:** Partners for faculty and student research projects and invests in significant scholarship and internship support.
- » **City of Marshall:** Partners with SMSU to share valuable technology, space, and student services on campus.
- » **CENTROL:** Partners to provide independent agriculture field research and agronomy trials led by students.
- » **AURI:** Partners with the culinology program to build a food sensory lab to increase the capacity for product development.



FROM A STUDENT:

"I chose SMSU because I am from northeast Iowa and was interested in agricultural education. I made my visit and fell in love with SMSU. People look out for you here, and they make opportunities available to you that you won't get elsewhere. It's a real family atmosphere and you're a person—the students and professors know you."

– Gabby Power, agricultural education major