MINNESOTA STATE

FY2020–FY2021 Legislative Request: Ridgewater College

LOCATION:
Hutchinson
Willmar

ridgewater.edu | Craig Johnson, President

FY18 STUDENT PROFILE: 4,758 Credit-seeking Students | 34.6% Pell Eligible | 17.1% Students of Color

Request Details

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

» $4.0 million of $169 million in campus support
» 5,081 students, faculty, and staff will use NextGen
» An estimated 400 students will receive grants

What’s At Stake?

A fully funded request will:

» Enable us to meet the needs of employers with specific workforce needs.
» Allow us to build services to support first-generation and underrepresented students.

Not fully funding the request will:

» Prevent expansion of critical student support resources needed to improve student success.
» Hinder efforts to serve the needs of an increasingly diverse population in our local communities.
» Prevent improvements in our facilities and equipment to meet industry partners’ needs.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Ridgewater College believes that higher education enables people to achieve their dreams. Ridgewater believes in helping students find their path and develop the skills and knowledge to reach their full potential. Ridgewater values inclusiveness, active learning, affordability, continuous improvement, lifelong learning, and ethical behavior—all delivered in a supportive student-focused environment.

SERVICE TO MINNESOTA

» Each year, Ridgewater generates $170.2 million in economic impact, as well as produces 840 graduates, and supports and sustains 1,456 jobs.
» The college assists with pre-college academic preparation for underserved students and new Americans to attend college via partnerships with Adult Basic Education and partnerships with CMJTS and DEED.

PARTNERSHIPS

» 3M and dozens of other manufacturing businesses: Provide a variety of education and training in manufacturing.
» Jennie-O Turkey and dozens of agricultural businesses: The college partners to provide training in everything from truck driving to human resources to production line processes.
» Carris Health, Bethesda Grand, Hutch Health, and dozens of other providers: Ridgewater partners to provide education in health care, ranging from continuing education to paramedic degrees to nursing.

2019 Capital Request

» $3.8 million in asset preservation and replacement to replace roofs, repair building envelope, and upgrade electrical panels

FROM A STUDENT:

“I chose Ridgewater because they offer the four-year MANE program that allows you to test for your license after your fifth semester so you can work as an RN while you’re finishing up your bachelor’s degree. It’s pretty cool ... There are so many things you can do within nursing.”

– Peter Wagman, MANE nursing student