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

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.

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.

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

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