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# **2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**FIGHTING FOR A BETTER HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE FOR ALL  
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

**In the 119th Congress, Minnesota State students call on legislators to modernize the Higher Education Reauthorization Act for a new generation of students.**

**These changes to need-based financial aid, including bipartisan efforts to improve transparency and create universal financial aid offer forms, are necessary to ensure students have the resources and data necessary to make informed decisions about their futures.**

## **OUR MISSION**

**Led by Minnesota State University students, Students United is the inclusive voice for all future, current, and former students.**

**In support of student needs, we advocate at the system, local, state, and federal levels for higher education policies that positively impact our students and communities.**

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### Preserve and Expand the Pell Grant

No qualified student should be denied a college education based on their inability to pay. In 2020, the average Pell Grant award covered approximately **26% of tuition** and related fees, compared to three-quarters in 1975. Students United supports efforts to **double the Pell Grant and reinstate the automatic inflation adjustment to the maximum award, ensuring sustained investment and annual increases.** Finally, Pell Grant funding **should be moved from discretionary allocation to mandatory funding,** protecting the investment from the annual appropriations process.

### Enhance Access to Net Price Calculators

The choice to pursue post-secondary education is often the first major financial decision in many students' lives. However, determining the true cost of college before you apply is often difficult, as the data needed are often scarce or hidden on university websites. **We support the bipartisan efforts of Senators Smith, Grassley, and Ernst to require net-price calculators on university websites** and authorize the creation of a universal calculator that uses individualized student data to compare cost estimates from institutions across the country.

### Ensure Uniformity in Financial Aid Reporting

Financial aid letters vary wildly between institutions. Without standard definitions and clear delineations between grant aid and student loans, families make financial decisions without a clear understanding of what needs to be repaid and what does not. **A standardized financial aid letter would provide students and families the information they need to make informed decisions about the right school for them.**

**We look forward to your support,**



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