

*Minnesota State University, Mankato awards talent grants to new first-year students on the basis of special talents, academic achievement and extracurricular successes in high school. The Talent Grant program provides recognition for students planning to continue their education at Minnesota State Mankato after high school. Talent Grants are non-renewable awards applied toward tuition during the student's first year at Minnesota State Mankato.*

*Selection is based on various criteria, such as involvement in school and community activities, leadership experiences and demonstrated talents.*

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

High school graduating seniors are eligible to apply for any of the talent grants described in this brochure. Selection criteria and application deadlines are outlined for each of the talent grant programs. Regardless of your intended major, you may apply for any available talent grant(s).

**If you are interested in any of our talent grants, return the enclosed request card. Further information about specific application procedures will be sent to you directly from the department offering the talent grant.**

## 2008-2009 TALENT GRANTS

### *Creative Writing Talent Grants*

Talent Grants are awarded to new students in the following areas of creative writing: Creative non-fiction, short fiction and poetry. You must submit a 5-20 page portfolio of one or more of your literary works. Your portfolio will be judged by a panel

of Minnesota State Mankato English professors. Please do not send original manuscripts. Send copies only.

Creative Writing Portfolio Priority Deadline:  
March 1, 2008

#### CONTACT:

Department of English  
507-389-2117 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)  
[www.english.mnsu.edu](http://www.english.mnsu.edu)

### *Diversity Awareness Talent Grants*

Seniors who have demonstrated leadership skills in diversity activities may be considered for Diversity Awareness Talent Grants. Your application will be considered based on your involvement in school or community activities and an essay. The essay will focus on your high school and community involvement in diversity issues or programming, and how that experience will be put to use at Minnesota State Mankato.

#### CONTACT:

Office of Multicultural Affairs  
507-389-6300 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)

### *Music Talent Grants*

Talent Grants are awarded by the Department of Music to incoming freshmen in the performance areas of voice, keyboard, strings, percussion and wind instruments. During an audition before the music faculty, your technical skill and musicianship will be assessed. Talent Grant recipients are required to participate in an ensemble in one of the following areas: band, choir, jazz, orchestra or piano accompanying. Private study in voice or on an instrument is encouraged. Auditions must be completed by April 15, 2008. Students seeking Music Talent Grants are encouraged to apply for admission to the University as soon as possible. To schedule an individual appointment for an audition, please contact the Department of Music.

#### CONTACT:

Department of Music  
507-389-2118 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)  
E-mail: [music@mnsu.edu](mailto:music@mnsu.edu)  
[www.mnsu.edu/music](http://www.mnsu.edu/music)

### *Speech Talent Grants*

Seniors will be considered based on participation in high school-level speech activities and a letter of recommendation. As a recipient of a Speech Talent Grant, you must participate on the forensics team during your full freshmen year. Participation includes weekly meetings and travel to at least 3 tournaments a semester.

#### CONTACT:

Department of Speech Communication  
507-389-2213 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)  
[www.mnsu.edu/spcomm/speechteam](http://www.mnsu.edu/spcomm/speechteam)

### *Theatre Arts Talent Grants*

Talent Grants are awarded to high school seniors in the areas of Acting, Technical Theatre or Dance. Auditions and interviews will be conducted no later than February 23, 2008.

#### CONTACT:

Department of Theatre and Dance  
507-389-2118 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)  
[www.mnsu.edu/theatre](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre)

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning our talent grants, please call or write the specific Department Talent Grant Contact or:

**Talent Grant Coordinator  
Office of Admissions  
122 Taylor Center  
Mankato, MN 56001  
507-389-1822 Toll free: 800-722-0544 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)  
[admissions@mnsu.edu](mailto:admissions@mnsu.edu)**

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial need is not a consideration for the Talent Grants awarded to new students. To be considered for other financial assistance however, a determination of financial need is necessary. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to be considered for State Grant, Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grants, loans, work-study and university scholarships. Complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) OR the FAFSA form may be obtained from your high school counselor or by contacting:

**Student Financial Services**  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
120 Wigley Administration Center  
Mankato, MN 56001  
507-389-1866 (V)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY)  
Toll free: 800-722-0544  
[www.mnsu.edu/campushub](http://www.mnsu.edu/campushub)

Note: March 15, 2008 is the Financial Aid application processing priority deadline.

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

Minnesota State Mankato awards scholarships to both female and male student athletes based on athletic promise. Awards are determined through individual consultation with the Minnesota State Mankato athletic head coaches. **For further information please contact the Minnesota State Mankato Office of Intercollegiate Athletics at 507-389-6111 or write to:**

Office of Intercollegiate Athletics  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
135 Myers Field House  
Mankato, MN 56001  
[www.msumavericks.com](http://www.msumavericks.com)



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