

BRIDGE TO BENEFITS



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WWW.BRIDGETOBENEFITS/PARTNERS

Username: mnsustudent Password: b2b1

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INPUT SOME BASIC INFORMATION

Monthly income, number of children, marital status, out of pocket expenses for school annually (can be an estimate), monthly rent

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REVIEW THE LIST OF BENEFITS

May include some or all of the following:

- Health Insurance Programs
- Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
- Women, Infants, and Children
- School Meal Program (free and reduced lunch)
- Child Care Assistance
- Early Learning Scholarships
- Earned Income and/or Working Family Tax Credit

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CHOOSE TO APPLY

Select your preferred method of application - online, over the phone, or paper application

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SEND AN EMAIL REFERRAL

Share your name and contact information to get one-on-one assistance for applying

THINGS TO KNOW

International and undocumented students may be eligible to enroll in some of the programs, especially if you have children. Complete the assessment to see if you qualify. Please contact Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid at 612-334-5970 before applying for any programs.

This assessment does not:

- apply to programs for you
- guarantee you will get the benefit
- ask for personal information

If you would like assistance completing the Bridge to Benefits Assessment, please email wcenter@mnsu.edu.

This assessment is facilitated by the Children's Defense Fund and is not hosted by Minnesota State University Mankato.

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Another Way Children's Defense Fund Helps Strengthen Families



Two ways to support students:

- 1) Give them the student login to complete the Bridge to Benefits Assessment on their own. Follow up with them at a later date to see if they completed the assessment.
- 2) Login as faculty/staff to complete the assessment with the student

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- a) Select "a client/customer" when completing the assessment with a student.
 - b) Put your name in the "notes" section of the referral page and that you work at MSU
 - c) Follow up with the student later to see if they've heard from the referral agencies
- 3) Send the student to Liz (elizabeth.steinborn-gourley@mnsu.edu) to complete the assessment with her.