



Power of YOU Mission

We provide advocacy and support to students historically underrepresented in higher education. By providing opportunities to bolster student's educational and social development, we aim to increase their retention and graduation rates.

The Power of YOU (POY)

We make your dream of attending college tuition free a possibility. POY students tuition is covered through state and federal grants. A privately funded incentive program assists students with the cost of books, transportation, meal cards and personal emergencies.

The Power of YOU supports as many students as possible based on student need and funds available.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduate from a Minneapolis, St. Paul or surrounding Suburban Public/Charter/Alternative or Private High School in Spring, 2020
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - go to www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Minneapolis College School Code: 002362
- Possess a modest family income:
Example: A family of 2-10 with an annual income not exceeding \$55,000 are highly encouraged to apply.
- Take REQUIRED Accuplacer assessment tests and score above Adult Basic Education (ABE) in Reading and Writing

Power of YOU Support Services

Advising

- All POY students are assigned an advisor that will coach and assist them in navigating through their higher education journey at Minneapolis College.

Community Engagement Hours

- All POY students are required to complete 10 hours of Community Engagement per semester. The goal is to learn about your community and develop skills that will assist you in networking, communication and career exploration.

The Power of YOU requires our students to:

- Enroll as a full-time student (12-15 credits) each semester
- Maintain 2.5 grade point average each semester
- Attend classes on time daily
- Meet with POY Advisor three times each semester
- Complete 10 hours of Community Engagement each semester
- Complete Professor Feedback forms BEFORE mid-terms each semester



Minneapolis College Power of YOU Application Process

2020-2021 School year Deadline is May 29, 2020

Step 1: Apply to the Power of YOU program at www.minneapolis.edu/POY

- Select application steps to apply

Step 2: Complete the Accuplacer assessment exam in all three subjects: **Math, Reading, and Writing.**

- You must test above Adult Basic Education (ABE) in Reading and Writing
- For more information about testing exemption, visit the Testing Exemption webpage at minneapolis.edu/exemptions
- Testing Center information: minneapolis.edu/testing
- Accuplacer Testing Preparation: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/> you can practice for the Accuplacer or add the Accuplacer App to your phone to help prepare you for the assessment.

Step 3: Submit the 2020-2021 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and complete the entire financial aid process. Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA School Code for Minneapolis College is **002362**.

Step 4: Check your email and login to **eServices** to track your financial aid process.

How to login to your eServices student account:

- Go to www.minneapolis.edu
- Select Students
- Select eServices
- Login with your STAR ID and Password
- Click in the Financial Aid tab on the left-hand side of the screen and you will see the status of your FAFSA
- Select the Fall 2020 term

Step 5: Once all required materials are submitted and completed, your application will be reviewed and considered for participation in the Power of YOU program.

Step 6: If you are selected to participate you will receive an email invitation on June 5, 2020. Once invited to participate in a Power of YOU Orientation please follow these steps:

- Attend the Power of YOU orientation on the date you selected
- Bring a copy of your High School Diploma

Step 7: Rolling admission will occur weekly until August 7, 2020.

Applicants must complete all of these steps to be considered and accepted into the Power of YOU program.

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