

Minnesota Business Venture

A fun, one-of-a-kind summer program that is beyond business.

June 28-July 3

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

July 18-23

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*MBV gave me
an experience I
wouldn't get
anywhere else!*
- 2024 Student

At Minnesota Business Venture (MBV), you will:

- ✓ Experience college life by living on campus for a week
- ✓ Gain leadership experience to set yourself apart
- ✓ Explore potential college & career paths
- ✓ Meet new people from across the state
- ✓ Network with MN business owners
- ✓ Have fun!

● Who attends?

Participants are completing grades 9-12 and attending public, private, charter or homeschool.

● What happens?

- Become a part of a team of approximately 15 students where you'll work together to invent an imaginary product/service and develop and present a business plan.
- Participate in sessions led by professionals about: marketing, investing, interviewing, entrepreneurship, workplace skills, and so much more!
- Game shows, team challenges, open gym, and a dance are just some of the fun things you'll do!

And – there's no homework!

● When is it?

June 28-July 3, 2025

Saturday noon-Thursday noon
University of St. Thomas

July 18-23, 2025

Friday noon-Wednesday noon
University of St. Thomas

For more information, contact us:

mbv@bestprep.org

763-233-6335

www.bestprep.org

● How much?

Students pay \$200 if the application is submitted before Friday, April 18, 2025; after that, the cost is \$300 per student. Financial assistance is available to students who qualify. Cost is kept low thanks to BestPrep's generous donors who provide sponsorships of \$1,300 for every student accepted to MBV. MBV secures these sponsors for you.

Payment covers all meals, staying in college dorms, program materials and activities.

● How do I apply?

- Complete the attached application or go online to www.bestprep.org/mbvapp.
- Fill out the application, obtain the required information from an educator and submit it to BestPrep with the payment.
- Agree to commit six days of your time at the camp with 100% willingness to learn and participate. You must also comply with all University of St. Thomas and MBV policies.

● Who is BestPrep?

BestPrep is a nonprofit organization that offers six programs, dedicated to inspiring Minnesota students to succeed in work and life: Classroom Plus, Cloud Coach, eMentors, Financial Matters, Minnesota Business Venture, and The Stock Market Game™.

● What's next?

Once we review your application, you will be notified and sent medical and code of conduct forms that must be completed and returned by the given due date. **Check your email for the MBV confirmation.** Students are accepted on a first-applied, first-accepted basis. If the student has a physical disability please call or email MBV by May 16. If this information is not provided by this date, BestPrep cannot guarantee accommodations. Any application submitted after May 16 requires special consideration and acceptance cannot be guaranteed.

A typical day at MBV

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation
10:00 a.m.	Company Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Recreational Time
1:30 p.m.	Entrepreneurship Story
2:30 p.m.	Camp Jam (team building and communication)
3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions (topics like budgeting, paying for college, motivation)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Company Meeting
8:00-10:30	Recreational Time (gym, volleyball, free time)



We are proud to partner with the Schulze School of Entrepreneurship at the University of St. Thomas, where Minnesota Business Venture is hosted.



Minnesota Business Venture Student Application

Please print legibly.

First Name		Last Name		Preferred First Name for Name Tag	
School Name and City					
Pronouns: _____ (Ex. he, she, they, ey, xe, co)		Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____		Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other Write-In: _____	
2024-2025 Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman ('28) <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore ('27) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior ('26) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior ('25)		T-shirt Size: _____			
Home Address				Apartment Number	
City		State		Zip	
()		()		Preferred Number: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
Student's Home Phone		Student's Cell Phone			

Email Address—Acceptance to MBV will be communicated through email, please provide an email that is checked regularly.

Guardian/Parent Information (Main Contact)

First and Last Name	
Email Address	
Preferred Phone Number <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Secondary Number <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
Employer	

Guardian/Parent Information (Secondary Contact)

First and Last Name	
Email Address	
Preferred Phone Number <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Secondary Number <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell
Employer	

How did you hear about MBV?

- ☐ BPA/DECA
- ☐ AVID
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Parent
- ☐ TRIO
- ☐ Educator/Coach
- ☐ Flaherty Foundation
- ☐ Other: _____

Session—please select one

- ☐ June 28-July 3, 2025
University of St. Thomas
- ☐ July 18-23, 2025
University of St. Thomas

To Be Completed by a School Official/Teacher/Mentor

MBV is an academic program requiring teamwork, communication and responsibility.
To the best of my knowledge:

- Student has shown a sincere interest in attending MBV.

☐ Yes ☐ No
- Student actively participates in class.

☐ Yes ☐ No
- Student completes homework/schoolwork on time.

☐ Yes ☐ No
- Student is respectful of other students, staff and rules.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments:

Signature of School Official/Teacher/Mentor	Date
Print Name	
Title/Subject	
School Name/Organization	
Email Address	
Phone	

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● Program Guidelines

Minnesota Business Venture will host 200 students each week of the program. Because of the group size, and to provide a safe and fun learning experience, BestPrep has the following expectations of you. Please read them carefully so you know what to expect while attending MBV.

- Participants are required to attend all scheduled programs and activities and cannot leave campus at any time.
- Participants cannot have guests on campus.
- Residence halls are not coed and will be supervised accordingly.
- Absolutely no drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind are permitted.
- Tobacco under the age of 18 is illegal and not allowed.
- Participants shall be responsible for their words and actions.
- If you drive your car, you must park in the designated lot and leave your keys with the MBV staff for the week.
- All participants will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to MBV standards, cooperate with the staff and comply with campus rules.

I understand that MBV is an intensive, academic program and the rules are designed for my safety and enjoyment. I also understand that **my payment is non-refundable** once I am accepted. If all forms following my application are not submitted to BestPrep by the due date, **BestPrep retains the right to keep the non-refundable payment** and cancel my application.

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)



Apply online
using this code!

● Payment Information

The cost to attend is \$200 for the week until April 18, 2025. After April 18, the cost rises to \$300. This fee is non-refundable if you cancel or fail to turn in all paperwork by the due date. Please make checks payable to **BestPrep**, or enter credit card information below.

Amount Included With Application \$ _____

Card Type

☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Financial Aid

Our goal is to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to attend MBV. Financial aid is available for those families who cannot afford the full cost.

Do you qualify for free/reduced lunch?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate maximum amount of application fee you can afford and enclose with the application.

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ other _____

To receive financial aid for Minnesota Business Venture please provide the following documents with the application:

- 1) Transcript including state MARSS number
- 2) Letter of proof of free/reduced lunch

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Application Received Date _____

Payment Type _____

Amount _____ Check Number _____

Entered in Database Date _____

Acceptance Mailed Date _____

Forms Due Date _____

In partnership with:

Schulze School of Entrepreneurship | UNIVERSITY OF St. Thomas

Please mail your completed application packet to:

BestPrep's Minnesota Business Venture
7100 Northland Circle North, Suite 306
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

For more information contact:

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