

Minnesota Business Venture

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

June 21-26

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

July 17-22

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul



**MBV is a
wonderful
experience that
makes everyone
feel welcome!**

- 2025 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 21-26, 2026

Sunday noon-Friday noon
University of St. Thomas

July 17-22, 2026

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 \$300 if the application is submitted before Friday, April 10, 2026; after that, the cost is \$400 per student. Financial assistance is available to students who qualify. Cost is kept low thanks to BestPrep's generous donors who provide sponsorships of \$1,500 for every student accepted to MBV. MBV secures these sponsors for you.

Payment covers three meals a day, 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 15. If this information is not provided by this date, BestPrep cannot guarantee accommodations. Any application submitted after May 15 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)

Birth Date: / /

Ethnicity:

☐ African American/Black

☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Other

☐ Multiracial

☐ White

☐ Asian

☐ Native American

Write-In:

2025-2026 Grade:

☐ Freshman ('29)

☐ Sophomore ('28)

☐ Junior ('27)

☐ Senior ('26)

T-shirt Size:

Home Address

Apartment Number

City

State

Zip

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Preferred Number:

☐ Home

☐ 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)

Guardian/Parent Information (Secondary Contact)

First and Last Name

First and Last Name

Email Address

Email Address

Preferred Phone Number

☐ Home ☐ Cell

Secondary Number

☐ Home ☐ Cell

Preferred Phone Number

☐ Home ☐ Cell

Secondary Number

☐ Home ☐ Cell

Employer

Employer

- How did you hear about MBV?

☐ BPA/DECA

☐ AVID

☐ Friend

☐ Parent

☐ TRIO

☐ Educator/Coach

☐ Flaherty Foundation

☐ Other:
- Session—please select one

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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) _____

For Saint Paul Public School students:

We are asking your consent to obtain data from Saint Paul Public Schools about your student: MARSS Number, Free/Reduced Price Lunch Status, GPA.

By checking the box below and signing the form above, you are agreeing to allow your student's data to be shared with us from Saint Paul Public Schools.

☐ Yes

☐ No



**Apply online
using this code!**

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:

EMAIL: mbv@bestprep.org

PHONE: 763-233-6335

FAX: 763-398-0391

WEB: www.bestprep.org

● Payment Information

The cost to attend is \$300 for the week until April 10, 2026. After April 10, the cost rises to \$400. 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 _____

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