

2026-2027 Minnesota North - Vermilion (Ely, MN) Campus FOOTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETE TO-DO LIST – PRIOR TO CAMP ARRIVAL

Welcome to the Vermilion Campus! We look forward to meeting you and helping you achieve your academic, athletic, and career goals. You can schedule a campus visit at [Minnesota North College](#). If you would like to attend a New Student Registration Day *in person*, fill out one of these forms to sign-up for [April 10](#) or [July 13](#); otherwise, see below for a virtual or phone appointment to register for classes.

Complete these To-Do items before you arrive:

1. Apply to Minnesota North College – Vermilion Campus

- Complete online application at www.minnesotanorth.edu and pay the \$20 application fee.
- On the application, you will see Minnesota North College, we are the Vermilion Campus.
- Provide your [immunization record](#) (vaccine/shot records) **before** you arrive to campus.
- Request your FINAL, OFFICIAL high school transcript to be sent to Minnesota North College.
- Request OFFICIAL college transcripts, if applicable to you, be sent to Minnesota North College.

We cannot accept unofficial transcripts (sent by you), so have above requested transcripts sent directly to:
Minnesota North College Admissions Office – 1515 E 25th St – Hibbing, MN 55746
or electronically to admissions@minnesotanorth.edu

2. Submit On-Campus Housing Contract – Must pay deposit within 5 days of filling out the housing application to have it processed and a room assigned. (Preference goes to those completed by June 15th.)

- Fill out the 2026-2027 Vermilion Campus housing contract and pay the \$250 deposit within 5 days. This contract is in your [student e-services account](#) under Housing and Dining. Pay deposit in your account under Bills and Payments. Cancellations after June 1st will result in loss of the \$250 deposit.
- Learn more: <https://minnesotanorth.edu/campuses/vermilion/housing-and-residential-life/>

3. Reserve ON-Campus housing and meal plan for the two weeks of football camp by indicating football on your housing application.

- Early arrival housing fee of \$100 will be placed on fall charges. Move-in on Thursday, August 6th or Friday, August 7th between 10AM-4PM. **Check-in before 4PM on either day.**

4. Camp Meals: The fee for football camp meals is \$200. These fees will be placed on fall charges.

5. Complete Financial Aid Application – Start now and COMPLETE all steps before arriving to camp!

You will not play in your first game until you meet your financial obligation for the fall (FAFSA completed with aid awards accepted, completed MPN & Entrance Counseling on file, and/or payment in full or payment plan in place).

- Complete your FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov using school code: **002355 (Minnesota North College) – it will say a Hibbing MN address.**
- Complete Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling at www.studentaid.gov using the same username and password used to complete the FAFSA.
- Keep your username and password safe and accessible. You will need it in the future while on campus.
- Review and accept aid offerings your [student e-services account](#). It takes 3-5 business days for financial aid staff to see your FAFSA information before they can process and make your student aid offerings.

6. Registration for New Students

- Once you have completed your admissions steps & enrollment requirements, schedule a phone, virtual or in-person appointment with an academic advisor who will discuss your academic goals and course placement (high school/college GPAs and/or prior college credits) to enroll you in fall classes.
- Be sure to register for the mandatory zero credit Varsity Football course. (You have a choice to also take Competitive Football for 1 credit.) Your advisor can explain both course options.

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- 5. Schedule your annual health physical using Vermilion’s NJCAA approved Examination form.**
 - Schedule and complete a physical exam with your local clinic. Physician must complete and sign the examination form. The [Physical Examination Form](#) is available on the college website.
 - Mail the medical form to Minnesota North College, “Attention Athletic Director Bender” 1900 E Camp St, Ely MN 55731.
 - or Email completed form to admissions@minnesotanorth.edu.
- 6. Secure Health Insurance - Mandatory to play football**
 - Mail a copy of your insurance card to Minnesota North College, “Attention Athletic Director Bender” 1900 E Camp St, Ely MN 55731
 - or Email to admissions@minneostanorth.edu
 - Bring your insurance card with you to camp.
- 7. Order Varsity Pack – Check with Coach Cook and Athletic Director Aaron Bender for more information.** Personal property fees will be charged to fall semester.
- 8. Make Travel arrangements to Minnesota North College, Vermilion Campus (1900 E Camp St, Ely, MN) to arrive by August 7th. For students arriving by bus or plane, please see last page.**
- 9. Important Dates for Camp and Academic Year / Important Meeting Dates and Times**
 - **Housing Check In:** Residence Life office in Vermilion Hall, see Step #2 for further information.
 - **Thursday, August 6th or Friday, August 7th 10am to 4pm**
 - **Mandatory Football Meeting (for those who arrived):** Thursday, August 6, 6pm: CL104
 - **All Football Camp Housing Meeting:** Friday, August 7th, 4pm: Fireside Lounge
 - **Mandatory Football Report Time Meeting: Friday, August 7th, at 6pm: CL104**
 - **Football Schedule, August 8 – 10: To be announced**
 - **Mandatory Football Meeting:** Monday, August 10th at 8am: CL104
 - **All Football Academic Meeting:** Monday, August 10th at 1pm: CL 104
 - **College Preparation Tasks and Meetings:** Tuesday, August 11th – Friday, 14th (times/locations TBD)
 - **Football Schedule, August 11 – 16: To be announced**
 - **College Preparation Tasks and Meetings:** Monday, August 17th – Tuesday, 18th (times/locations TBD)
 - **Football Schedule, August 17 – 23: To be announced**
 - **Campus Move-In Days for Remaining Students:** Saturday, August 22nd – Sunday, August 23rd
 - **Mandatory Residence Life Meeting:** Sunday, August 23rd at 4:30pm in the Theater.
 - **First Day of Classes/New Student Orientation:** Monday, August 24th 8:30am in Theater
 - **ALL Athlete Meeting with Athletic Director and Coaches:** Monday, August 24th at 1pm in CL104
 - **Last Day of Fall Semester: Friday, December 18, 2026**
 - **Do not make travel arrangements for the break until you know your final exam schedule.**
 - **STUDENT HOUSING CLOSED**
 - **Winter Break:** Housing closed at Noon on December 19, 2026 – January 9, 2027
 - **Spring Break:** March 8-12, 2027 (Additional fee to stay on campus. No food service.)
 - **Vermilion Campus Graduation Ceremony:** May 12, 2027, Vermilion Gym, 7pm
 - **Last Day of Spring Semester: Thursday, May 13, 2027**
 - **Do not make travel arrangements for the break until you know your final exam schedule.**

Financial Aid and Paying for College

Paying for college can feel overwhelming. We are here to help make the process as smooth as possible. Please keep these things in mind as you make plans to pay for your college experience.

- Minnesota North College does NOT offer athletic scholarships (NJCAA DIII is Non-Scholarship).
- Financial Aid eligibility is determined after you file your FAFSA (Complete your FAFSA early).
- Be prepared to use savings, private or Parent Plus loans or other resources to help pay your balance due.
- Check your [eServices account](#) to:
 - Access your **Financial Aid Offer notification** to determine what aid you are eligible for and accept aid.
 - Confirm your balance prior to setting up a payment plan or making a payment. You can set up a payment plan with estimated costs before final tuition rates are set by Minnesota State.
- Learn more and take advantage of the [Nelnet Payment plan](#) to spread your payments out.

Financial Aid Office Contacts (questions about grants, loans, scholarships, FAFSA)

- Email financialaid@minnesotanorth.edu or go to webpage [Financial Aid - Minnesota North College](#)

Business Office Contact (questions about your bill, payment, setting up or adjusting a payment plan)

- Email at accounts.receivable@minnesotanorth.edu or call 218.403.9201

Become work-study job ready by beginning the [Work-Study Steps](#) after you complete your FAFSA and before you arrive. Work-study is a great way to earn a little extra money working on campus. Job hours are scheduled when you are not in class or on the field. The Job Board is posted on the [financial aid work-study webpage](#) before the start of fall semester; be sure to find Vermilion Campus work-study opportunities.

Employment requires identity documents. *Examples of identity documents required to complete a Federal I-9 Form are typically a driver's license, government-issued photo ID or current school ID card and social security card or birth certificate. Other proofs of identity options, like a passport, can be found on the [I-9 Form](#).

Important Websites

- College website: www.minnesotanorth.edu
- Financial Aid webpage: <https://minnesotanorth.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/>
- Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling: <https://studentaid.gov/>
- eServices: <https://www.minnesotanorth.edu/current-students/> then select eServices.
 - You will need your MinnState Star ID and password to log in.
- Payment and Costs: <https://minnesotanorth.edu/student-services/businessoffice/>
- Housing Information: <https://minnesotanorth.edu/campuses/vermilion/housing-and-residential-life/>
- College Store/Textbook Ordering: <https://www.minnesotanorth.edu/student-services/college-stores/>

Recap of Fees

- Housing Deposit – due within 5 days of housing app & must be paid prior to being assigned a room – \$250
- Early On-Campus Housing Move-In – fee placed on fall charges – \$100
- Football Camp Meals – fee placed on fall charges – 22 meals for \$200
- PHED 1940 - 02 (ID 000053) Varsity Mens Football (0 credit) – fall course fee approximately \$250
- PHED 1840 - 02 (ID 000051) Competitive Men's Football (1 credit) – tuition & fees charged for fall

Transportation to/from Ely, MN

Be sure to share your travel plans with Coach Cook

Student athletes are responsible for their transportation to/from Ely, Minnesota. If you do not have a car, transportation to/from Ely can take additional work and planning. Public transportation options are limited and often expensive. Please plan and arrange your travel needs accordingly **to arrive on time to camp**.

Ely is located about 4 hours north of Minneapolis, MN; 2 hours from Duluth, MN; and 1 hour from Virginia, MN. Find out more about how to get to Ely, Minnesota:

- **Ely Chamber of Commerce:** <http://www.ely.org/discover/directions>

If you plan to fly and arrive at Duluth (DLH), Hibbing (HIB) or Minneapolis (MSP) Airports

- *Arrange ground transportation to Ely*

If you plan to take a bus and arrive at a Bus Stop in Duluth, MN or Virginia, MN

- *Arrange ground transportation to Ely*

Ground Transportation between Minneapolis, MN and Duluth, MN

- *Another ride would be needed from Duluth to Ely*

Jefferson Lines, www.jeffersonlines.com, 858-800-8898

- **Passenger Bus Connection in Duluth, MN to Virginia, MN**
- **Drop-off Location:** Village Inn Restaurant, 1500 13th St. South Virginia MN 55792
- *Another ride is needed from Virginia to Ely*

Groome Transportation, www.groometransportation.com, 218-724-4676

- Minneapolis International Airport (MSP) to/from Duluth, MN
 - https://groometransportation.com/minneapolis-st-paul-airport/duluth/?&sd_client_id=53530ecb-bb0a-42ac-87ba-ce99957d33ac
- *Another ride is needed from Duluth to Ely*

Landline Shuttle Service, <https://landline.com/faq>, 888-428-1149

- Minneapolis International Airport (MSP) to/from Duluth, MN
- *Another ride is needed from Duluth to Ely*

Public Bus Connections to/from Duluth, MN; Virginia, MN; and Hibbing, MN

Arrowhead Transit, www.arrowheadtransit.com, 800-862-0175

- Check website for current routes offered to Ely, MN