

MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS

FACT SHEET

What is a Minority Serving Institution (MSI)?

A Minority Serving Institution or MSI is a 2- or 4-year college or university that enrolls a significant percentage of minority students and students who are eligible for Pell grants. MSIs are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. They are unique both in their missions and in their day-to-day operations.

Provides opportunity for institutions to become eligible for federal grants

Helps identify institutions in need of funding for government officials

Provides higher education access to low income minority communities that may have not been accessible in the past

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN MSI?

Gives institutions recognition of achievement serving students of color

Gives students of color a chance for higher education opportunities close to their home

Encourages institutions to have a more diverse curriculum, programs, and services

MSI categories reflect the minority population being served

In Illinois, there are...



- 22 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)
- 2 Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)
- 5 Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)
- 6 HSI & AANAPISI
- 1 HSI & PBI

Resource: www.msiexchange.nasa.gov/institutions

