



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

School Trust Funds

Study Committee on the Investment and Use of the School Trust Funds
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❖ School Trust Funds

The University benefits from three of the four School Trust Funds:

1. Normal School Fund

- ***UW-Madison*** – for need-based grants to students of underrepresented groups who enroll in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
- ***UW-Extension*** – for scholarships to students enrolled in the sustainable management degree program
- ***UW-Stevens Point*** – for environmental programs
- ***Merit Scholarship Program*** – currently not sufficient funding

2. University Fund

- ## 3. Agricultural College Fund – for the “benefit of agricultural and the mechanic arts”

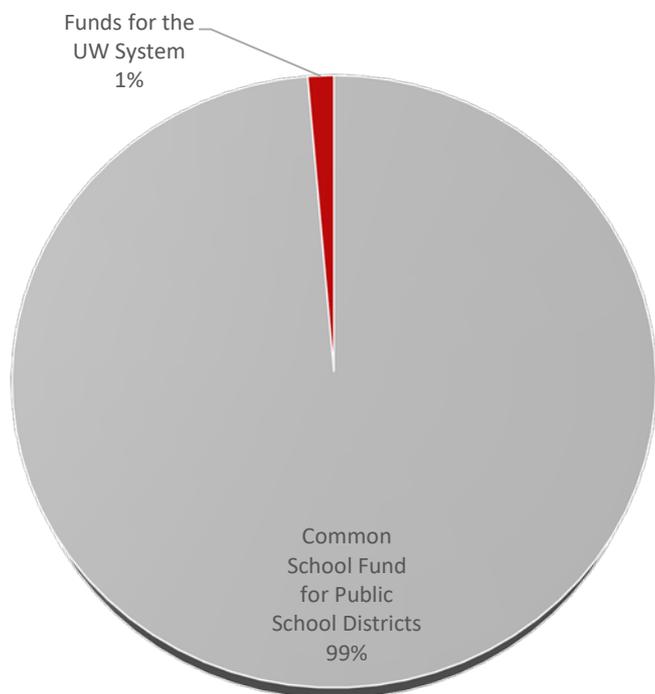


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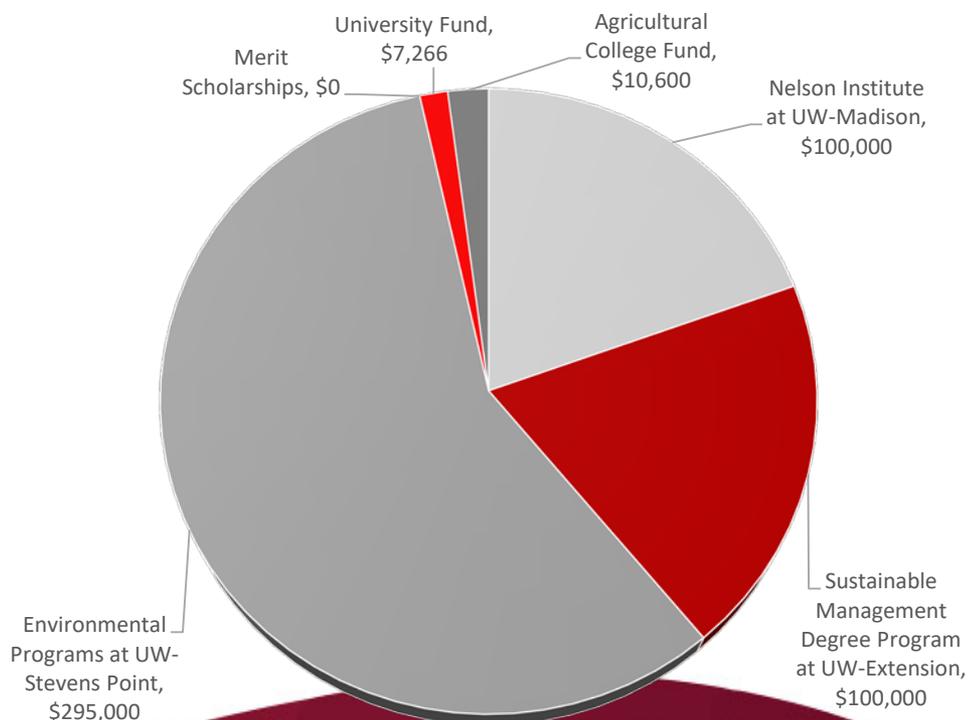


- The portion of the school trust funds that benefits the University is 1%. Of that portion, 58% goes to environmental programs at UW-Stevens Point.

School Trust Funds in 2017-18



Funds for the UW System in 2017-18



❖ Normal School Fund

In fiscal year 2017-18, \$495,000 was distributed from the Normal School Fund. Statutes specify funding will be allocated as follows:

- Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at UW-Madison \$100,000
- Sustainable Management Degree Program at UW-Extension \$100,000
- Environmental Program at UW-Stevens Point \$300,000 (\$295,000 distributed in fiscal year 2017-18)
- Merit Scholarship Program (receives balance of the distribution – currently no funds available)

Environmental Programs at UW-Stevens Point

Management of BCPL Normal School funding at UWSP:

- Funds have traditionally been managed by the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (WCEE) in the College of Natural Resources at UWSP.
- Prior to 2013, funding was essentially enough to cover the Environmental Education position at DPI with a small amount of excess in certain years.
- Beginning in 2017, BCPL and WCEE-CNR began cooperative planning to ensure shared interests and priorities when developing annual environmental program workplan.

Environmental Programs at UW-Stevens Point

Fiscal Year 2018 - \$295,000 received June 2018; \$288,400 budget.

Focus Area	Cost	Description of Work
K-12 Environmental Education Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Education, Environmental Education Consultant • Ecosystem Learning Kits and Supplies • Natural Resources Foundation • Miscellaneous 	\$148,400 \$101,600 \$28,800 \$10,000 \$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide consultant; leadership in K-12 Environmental Education including standard development, teacher development, implementation, and evaluation. • K-12 school library resources in support of Environmental Education curriculum >4 UWSP students; several 1,000 K-12 WI students. • Support K-12 opportunities to visit school forests and promote natural resource education and management; \$10,000. • Miscellaneous support of K-12 Environmental Education including Green and Healthy Schools and Preserving Early Childhood Conference. Supported 3 students attending Western States Land Commissioners Conference.
Natural Resource Management Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestland Management Guide Development • Wisconsin County Forestry Association • Forestry Professional Development Series 	\$140,000 \$60,000 \$50,000 \$30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide for smaller forest acreage private land owners providing costs. and considerations of forest management activities; leveraged support of UWSP Graduate student. • Support forestry education efforts of Wisconsin County Forestry Association; K-12 and UWSP Faculty, UWSP students; K-12 WI students and families. • Develop forestry professional development programming in improved Timber Marking in direct support of forestry industry documented needs; \$30,000; 10 UWSP students.



Other Funds

- University Fund
 - The Wisconsin Constitution requires that the Legislature appropriate the interest earned from the University Fund for the support of the state university.
 - In fiscal year 2017-18, \$7,266 was distributed to the UWS.

- Agricultural College Fund
 - Statutes require that the income and interest from the Agricultural College Fund be distributed for the “benefit of agricultural and the mechanic arts.”
 - In fiscal year 2017-18, \$10,600 was distributed to the UWS.



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QUESTIONS?