

Yes, the state of Wisconsin faces a massive budget deficit. But that's not preventing the UW system and the tech college system in the state from asking for more money for financial aid. La Crosse democratic state rep, Jennifer Shilling is on the state's powerful joint finance committee. She says the higher education requests amount to items on a wishlist. In an ideal world, she says, those wish lists would be fulfilled and Shilling agrees that higher education should be a priority in the state. But those needs have to be considered with all the other areas of state spending. Especially in light of Wisconsin's looming \$2.7 billion deficit.