

# State Grant Background



**THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS AFFORD THE COLLEGES THAT BEST MEET THEIR NEEDS.**

**The State Grant program:**

- > Targets low- and middle-income families
- > Supports all college options
- > Has statewide impact
- > Holds down additional borrowing
- > Invests in the state's economy by building the future workforce



**77,500** students from across Minnesota receive a State Grant.

And they go to all kinds of colleges.



**COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT  
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**

1,002 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was **29 percent** of all CSB/SJU undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at CSB/SJU was \$5,398.

In total, **more than \$4.5 million** in State Grant awards were made to CSB/SJU students.

*"I am currently financing my college education with loans and some small*



*payments by way of my employment. The grant allows some reassurance that I can pay all of my tuition. I am*

*extremely grateful for the grant."*

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# Equity & Prosperity: A Student Aid Agenda

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This session we ask Governor Walz and the Legislature to prioritize college students through the Minnesota State Grant program, which gives grants to the students who need it most. That's how we prepare Minnesotans to succeed in the post-COVID-19 economy and make progress on educational equity.

## 2021 Request

Invest \$67.5 million of new funding in college students through the State Grant program.

Reducing the student share — the costs that students are expected to pay — would mean:

- **Larger grants** for the 71,100 students who would already receive grants next year. The increase in the maximum grant for the lowest income students will range from \$500 to \$770; and,
- **More recipients** with an additional 3,300 receiving grants — an increase of 5 percent — with most of those students attending community and technical colleges.

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For students from Minnesota attending college here:

- *56 percent of undergraduate students of color and Native American students receive a State Grant — and would benefit from this investment.*
- *43 percent of undergraduate students receive a State Grant — and would benefit from this investment.*