

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.



MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

215 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was **29 percent** of all MCAD undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at MCAD was \$5,483.

In total, **more than \$1.1 million** in State Grant awards were made to MCAD students.

"I'm able to pursue my goal of expanding our appreciation for nature and the environment through my work. All of this wouldn't be possible without receiving the State Grants, which have helped financially so I can focus more on schoolwork than having to worry about making ends meet."



Andy Pan, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Class of 2020 **HOMETOWN:** Byron, MN **MAJOR:** Graphic Design **EXTRA-CURRICULARS:** AIGA Design Club member, Ping Pong Club member, Basketball Club member, design intern at Architectural Antiques, freelance photographer and designer for a small business



Equity & Prosperity: A Student Aid Agenda

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.

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.*