

# State Grant Background



## The Minnesota State Grant program:

Helps low- and middle-income families

Supports all college options

Has statewide impact

Holds down additional borrowing

Increases graduation rates

Encourages students to stay in Minnesota

### State Grant funds are awarded to students – not institutions.

**69,500** students from across Minnesota receive a grant.

**39%** of students from Minnesota going to college here receive a grant.

And for Minnesota students of color and Native American students going to college here, **54%** receive a grant.

### Students use their State Grant awards to pursue their education and career goals.

They are earning certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees.

They are traditional-age students and adult learners.

They are at public and private colleges.

## HAMLIN UNIVERSITY

**899 State Grant recipients** were on campus last academic year — that was **46 percent** of all Hamline undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Hamline was **\$5,776**.

“As a first-generation college student with immigrant parents, I was able to reach for and achieve my full potential for higher education and get closer to my goal of working to alleviate the health disparities in this state and across the nation.”



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