

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.

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221 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was **31 percent** of all MCAD undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at MCAD was **\$5,647**.

“I’m able to pursue my goal of expanding our appreciation for nature and the environment through my work. This wouldn’t be possible without receiving the State Grant, which has helped financially. I can focus more on schoolwork than having to worry about making ends meet.”



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