

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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776 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year – that was **34 percent** of all Gustavus undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Gustavus was **\$5,929**.

“I especially value the Minnesota State Grant program because I know it is not only making college more accessible to me but is also opening the doors of higher education to a large and diverse group of students.”



Emma Anderson

Gustavus Adolphus College, Class of 2023

Hometown: Duluth, MN

Majors: Environmental studies and psychology

Extra-curriculars: Choir section leader, marketing office student employee and Big Partner Little Partner youth mentor

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