State Grant Background

The Minnesota State Grant program:

- Helps low- and middle-income families
- Has statewide impact
- Holds down borrowing
- Increases graduation rates
- Encourages students to stay in Minnesota

State Grant funds are awarded to students—not institutions.

68,000 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, 55% 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, tribal and private colleges.

659 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year—that was 29 percent of all Bethel undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Bethel was $5,471.

“I cannot express enough how the scholarships and grants I receive will impact my life. Receiving this will help me to educate myself and better the world in return.”

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