

# 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.

## BETHEL UNIVERSITY

**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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