

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.

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814 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was **27 percent** of all CSB and SJU undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at CSB/SJU was **\$6,100**.

“As the son of two teachers, finances certainly were a factor in my college search. Once I visited Saint John’s,



I knew it was the school for me, and receiving a State Grant made it feasible to attend. These past four years have been transformative, and I have the State Grant program to thank for that.”

Landon Peterson

Saint John’s University, Class of 2023

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minn.

Major: Political Science

Extra-curriculars: Baseball, student newspaper and orientation leader

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