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.

565 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year—that was 24 percent of all St. Scholastica undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at St. Scholastica was $5,897.

“I'm the oldest of four siblings, and the Minnesota State Grant helps me and my family worry less about the financial burden of paying for my education and allows me to focus more on my goal of becoming a nurse.”

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