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.

643 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year—that was 30 percent of all Gustavus undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Gustavus was $6,070.

“The Minnesota State Grant has reduced the financial burden of my undergrad degree, opening the doors to future graduate school opportunities. I am grateful that this grant has allowed me to pursue a career option of my choice, and I think that this is something every student deserves.”

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