

# 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.

## GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

**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.”



**Harriet Anderson**

Gustavus Adolphus College, Class of 2025

**Hometown:** Duluth, Minn.

**Major:** Psychology

**Extra-curriculars:** Women's rugby, marketing office student employee and Big Partner Little Partner youth mentor



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE