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.

880 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year—that was 46 percent of all Hamline undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Hamline was $6,331.

“During my time at Hamline, I have achieved significant personal and professional growth to a level I never thought possible. As the first person in my family to attend college, the financial support the State Grant program provides brings me closer to becoming the person I want to be and builds a future that fills me with pride.”

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