

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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130 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was **6 percent** of all Macalester undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Macalester was **\$6,125**.

“The Minnesota State Grant has impacted me significantly because it has helped me continue my education at Macalester while immersing myself in the community. This grant helped me continue working with my community while also still being able to focus on my education.”



Paul Nguyen

Macalester College, Class of 2026

Hometown: Saint Paul, Minn.

Major: Political Science

Extra-curriculars: Pi Sigma Alpha, Bonner Scholars, Newman Civic Fellow, elementary school volunteer



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