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.

243 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year—that was 33 percent of all MCAD undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at MCAD was $6,110.

“Going to a public high school in the Cities, I felt discouraged from going to a private college that is perceived to be expensive, even one located right in my hometown. But the State Grant is really giving me the opportunity I need in order to pursue my bachelor’s degree in something that I am truly confident in.”

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