

# 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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**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.”

**Celeste Gonzalez**

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