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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**233 State Grant recipients** were on campus last academic year— that was **13 percent** of all Saint Mary’s undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Saint Mary’s was **$5,251**.

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