

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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904 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was **31 percent** of all St. Kate's undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at St. Kate's was **\$5,186**.

"The Minnesota State Grant program has impacted my ability to attend St. Kate's, because it helped take off the stress of me searching for ways to pay for school and instead spend that time on my academics."



Jaycee Rhodes

St. Catherine University, Class of 2024

Hometown: St. Paul, Minn.

Major: Business administration

Minor: Leadership and sales

Extra-curriculars: Golf team, Fairway Foundation coach, residence life office assistant, multicultural and international programs and services



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