State Grant Background

State Grant funds are awarded to students — not institutions. And for Minnesota students of color and Native American students going to college here, 55% receive a grant.

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

68,000 students from across Minnesota receive a grant.

39% of students from Minnesota going to college here 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.

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.”

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