

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.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

1,589 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year – that was **25 percent** of all St. Thomas undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at St. Thomas was **\$5,696**.

“The Minnesota State Grant has given me the opportunity to attend college and pursue my degree. I’m able to attend my classes, enjoy my extracurriculars, and focus on my life with less worry about paying for school.”



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