

# 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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**628 State Grant recipients** were on campus last academic year – that was **39 percent** of all degree-seeking Northwestern undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at MCAD was **\$5,710**.

“The State Grant has helped me access education at a Minnesota university of my choosing. I am thankful to be seeking education not just to better equip myself but to represent and help my community.”



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