State Grant

Background

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- Has statewide impact
- Holds down borrowing
- Increases graduation rates
- Encourages students to stay in Minnesota

State Grant funds are awarded to students—not institutions.

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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.”

Ruth Martinez-Martinez
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