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.

And for Minnesota students of color and Native American students going to college here, 55% 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.

212 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year — that was 32 percent of all Bethany undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Bethany was $6,319.

“Coming from a family of five where my dad is a medical technician assistant and is the sole breadwinner, the Minnesota State Grant helps me pursue my college goals. At Bethany, I’m able to have my spiritual needs met, and I benefit from being in the unique, small class sizes.”

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