

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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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.”



Dennis Muga

Bethany Lutheran College, Class of 2024

Hometown: Mankato, Minn.

Major: Exercise science

Minor: Psychology

Extra-curriculars: Band, mentor for international students, student ambassador



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