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.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL

815 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year—that was 28 percent of all CSP undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at CSP was $5,329.

“Receiving the Minnesota State Grant made it possible for me to receive CSP’s full tuition Pell Commitment scholarship, which was truly a blessing and made it possible for me to pursue my degree and future career in psychology!”

Arleth Pachecho Ramirez
Concordia University, St. Paul, Class of 2027
Hometown: Minneapolis, Minn.
Major: Psychology

CONCORDIA ST. PAUL

February 2024 | Minnesota Private College Council