

# State Grant Background



## The Minnesota State Grant program:

Helps low- and middle-income families

Supports all college options

Has statewide impact

Holds down additional borrowing

Increases graduation rates

Encourages students to stay in Minnesota

State Grant funds are awarded to students – not institutions.

**69,500** 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, **54%** 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 and private colleges.

## CONCORDIA COLLEGE

**542 State Grant recipients** were on campus last academic year – that was **28 percent** of all Concordia undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Concordia was **\$5,330**.

“I am very grateful for the opportunity to have the Minnesota State Grant, because the grant helps me to achieve my education goals and become successful.”



**Bethany Timm**

Concordia College, Class of 2026

**Hometown:** Elk River, MN

**Major:** Nursing

**Extra-curriculars:** Cru club, student nursing association club and choir

