

# 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.

## Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

**289 State Grant recipients** were on campus last academic year – that was **21 percent** of all Saint Mary's undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at Saint Mary's was **\$4,918**.

“I was very grateful to have received the Minnesota State Grant. With the assistance of this grant, I am greatly supported in order to set my life up for success while simultaneously putting less of a financial burden on myself.”



**Kennedy Krause**

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Class of 2024

**Hometown:** Kasson, MN

**Major:** Management

**Minors:** Public relations, global diversity and social justice

**Extra-curricular:** Women's ice hockey



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