

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.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

1,556 State Grant recipients were on campus last academic year – that was **24 percent** of all St. Thomas undergraduates.

The average State Grant award at St. Thomas was **\$5,203**.

“As a first-generation senior graduating soon, the State Grant has allowed me to study without the stress of money...which is a huge relief to my family and me.”



Adalí Flores-Mendoza

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