

Alabama Profile

Why State Grants Matter

State grant programs have the potential to make college possible for many students who could not otherwise afford to enroll. Grant policies vary widely across states in terms of their funding levels, whether they are based on financial or academic criteria or a combination of the two, and which students and institutions are eligible.

Alabama Residents

22%
of Alabama residents have a B.A. degree

88%
of Alabama students attend an in-state college

\$40,976
Median household income in Alabama (2010)

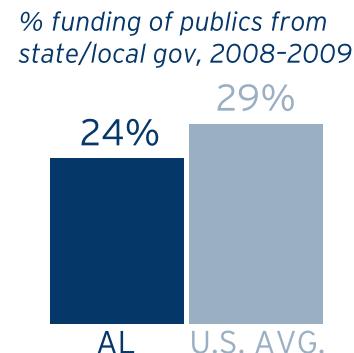
Colleges in Alabama – Grants, Funding and Tuition

\$7,615,654

in student aid funds disbursed by

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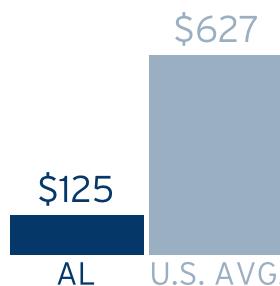
state grant programs.



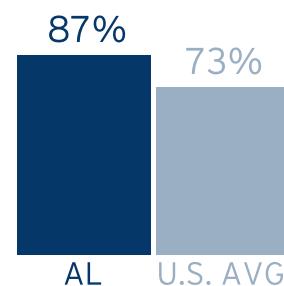
Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009-2010



Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010



% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010



Largest Two Grant Programs in Alabama

(See Appendix B of the full report for a complete listing of grant programs)

Alabama Student Assistance Program

Funds disbursed:
\$5,204,129

% of all state grants:
68%

Eligibility criteria:
Financial, Academic

Number of recipients:
7,457

Avg. aid per recipient:
\$698

Eligibility criteria:
Academic

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 77%

PRIVATE 18%

FOR-PROFIT 4%

AL Student Grant Program

Funds disbursed:
\$2,299,025

% of all state grants:
30%

Eligibility criteria:
Academic

Number of recipients:
7,217

Avg. aid per recipient:
\$319

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 0%

PRIVATE 100%

FOR-PROFIT 0%