Arizona 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.

Colleges in Arizona – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$18,438,485
in student aid funds disbursed by
4
state grant programs.

Arizona Residents

25%
of Arizona residents have a B.A. degree
91%
of Arizona students attend an in-state college

$47,279
Median household income in Arizona (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Arizona

(AFAT) Arizona Financial Aid Trust
Funds disbursed: $14,130,775
% of all state grants: 77%
Number of recipients: 6,651
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,125
Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 100%
PRIVATE 0%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

AZ LEAP/SLEAP Program
Funds disbursed: $3,512,952
% of all state grants: 19%
Number of recipients: 3,753
Avg. aid per recipient: $936
Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 79%
PRIVATE 3%
FOR-PROFIT 18%

Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009-2010
Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010
% funding of publics from state/local gov, 2008-2009

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$6,554 $7,050 $627 $31

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99%
73%

% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010

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