Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Colorado 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 Colorado – Grants, Funding and Tuition
$70,990,540
in student aid funds disbursed by
5
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

Colorado Residents
35% of Colorado residents have a B.A. degree
82% of Colorado students attend an in-state college

$60,442
Median household income in Colorado (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Colorado
(See Appendix B of the full report for a complete listing of grant programs)

Colorado Student Grant
Funds disbursed: $65,965,418
% of all state grants: 93%
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,093
Eligibility criteria: Financial

GOS
Funds disbursed: $2,224,727
% of all state grants: 3%
Avg. aid per recipient: $8,395
Eligibility criteria: Financial