Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Connecticut 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 Connecticut – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$135,707,348 in student aid funds disbursed by 4 state grant programs.

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

$8,456 $7,050

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010

$469 $627

% funding of publics from state/local gov, 2008-2009

35% 29%

CT U.S. AVG.

% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010

100% 73%

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Connecticut Residents

35% of Connecticut residents have a B.A. degree

57% of Connecticut students attend an in-state college

$66,452 Median household income in Connecticut (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Connecticut

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

Tuition Set Aside

Funds disbursed: $72,593,099

% of all state grants: 53%

Eligibility criteria: Financial

Number of recipients: DATA UNAVAILABLE

Avg. aid per recipient: DATA UNAVAILABLE

% of dollars disbursed by sector:

PUBLIC 100%

PRIVATE 0%

FOR-PROFIT 0%

CT Aid for Public College Students Grant Program

Funds disbursed: $30,208,469

% of all state grants: 22%

Eligibility criteria: Financial

Number of recipients: 16,674

Avg. aid per recipient: $1,812

% of dollars disbursed by sector:

PUBLIC 100%

PRIVATE 0%

FOR-PROFIT 0%