Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Delaware 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 Delaware – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$17,830,361
in student aid funds disbursed by
11
state grant programs.

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

24%
DE
29%
U.S. AVG.

Delaware Residents

27%
of Delaware residents have a B.A. degree
69%
of Delaware students attend an in-state college

$55,269
Median household income in Delaware (2010)

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

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009–2010

% grant aid based on need, 2009–2010

Tuition and fees

Avg. state grant aid

% based on need

DE
U.S. AVG.
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68%
73%

Largest Two Grant Programs in Delaware

Delaware SEED Program

Funds disbursed: $4,081,033
% of all state grants: 23%
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,210

Eligibility criteria: Academic

Number of recipients: 1,847
% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 100%
PRIVATE 0%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

University of DE Other State Funded Scholarships

Funds disbursed: $2,903,622
% of all state grants: 16%

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%

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