Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Hawaii 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.

Hawaii Residents

29% of Hawaii residents have a B.A. degree
69% of Hawaii students attend an in-state college

$58,507 Median household income in Hawaii (2010)

Colleges in Hawaii – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$3,408,487 in student aid funds disbursed by
2 state grant programs.

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

HI 42%
U.S. AVG. 29%

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

HI 100%
U.S. AVG. 73%

Largest Two Grant Programs in Hawaii

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

Hawaii B Plus Scholarship
Funds disbursed: $2,995,116
% of all state grants: 88%
Number of recipients: 1,212
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,471
Eligibility criteria: Financial, Academic

Hawaii State Student Incentive Program
Funds disbursed: $413,371
% of all state grants: 12%
Number of recipients: 346
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,195
Eligibility criteria: Financial