Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Idaho 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.

Idaho Residents
24% of Idaho residents have a B.A. degree
70% of Idaho students attend an in-state college

$47,014 Median household income in Idaho (2010)

Colleges in Idaho – Grants, Funding and Tuition
$5,598,689 in student aid funds disbursed by 5 state grant programs.

Idaho Promise Category B Scholarship
Funds disbursed: $3,456,906
% of all state grants: 62%
Number of recipients: 5,761
Avg. aid per recipient: $600
Eligibility criteria: Academic

Opportunity Scholarship
Funds disbursed: $979,479
% of all state grants: 17%
Number of recipients: 381
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,571
Eligibility criteria: Financial, Academic

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