Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Michigan 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.

Michigan Residents

25% of Michigan residents have a B.A. degree

88% of Michigan students attend an in-state college

$46,441 Median household income in Michigan (2010)

Colleges in Michigan – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$79,667,065 in student aid funds disbursed by

4 state grant programs.

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

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009–2010

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

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$9,761 $7,050 $627 $108

% grant aid based on need, 2009–2010

95% 73%

Largest Two Grant Programs in Michigan

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

Tuition Incentive Program

Funds disbursed: $31,519,636
% of all state grants: 40%
Number of recipients: 15,558
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,026
Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 88%
PRIVATE 12%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

Michigan Tuition Grant

Funds disbursed: $25,480,385
% of all state grants: 32%
Number of recipients: 23,520
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,083
Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 0%
PRIVATE 100%
FOR-PROFIT 0%