Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Missouri 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 Missouri – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$120,240,698 in student aid funds disbursed by

4 state grant programs.

Missouri Residents

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

83% of Missouri students attend an in-state college

$46,184 Median household income in Missouri (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Missouri

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

Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program

Funds disbursed: $82,814,302
% of all state grants: 69%
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,685

Number of recipients: 49,146
% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 49%
PRIVATE 51%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

Eligibility criteria: Financial

A+ Program

Funds disbursed: $22,216,216
% of all state grants: 18%
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,169

Number of recipients: 10,242
% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 99%
PRIVATE 1%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

Eligibility criteria: Academic