Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Nebraska 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 Nebraska – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$128,397,246
in student aid funds disbursed by

3
state grant programs.

Nebraska Residents

27%
of Nebraska residents have a B.A. degree

82%
of Nebraska students attend an in-state college

$52,728
Median household income in Nebraska (2010)

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

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009–2010

% of grant aid based on need, 2009–2010

Largest Two Grant Programs in Nebraska

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

Remission/Tuition Waivers

Funds disbursed: $113,966,044
% of all state grants: 89%

Number of recipients: 29,294
Avg. aid per recipient: $3,390

Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:

PUBLIC 100%
PRIVATE 0%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

Nebraska State Grant

Funds disbursed: $14,093,053
% of all state grants: 11%

Number of recipients: 15,704
Avg. aid per recipient: $897

Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:

PUBLIC 62%
PRIVATE 19%
FOR-PROFIT 18%