Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Nevada 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 Nevada – Grants, Funding and Tuition
$61,784,403 in student aid funds disbursed by
5 state grant programs.

Nevada Residents
21% of Nevada residents have a B.A. degree
83% of Nevada students attend an in-state college
$51,525 Median household income in Nevada (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Nevada
(See Appendix B of the full report for a complete listing of grant programs)

Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program
Funds disbursed: $25,244,197
% of all state grants: 41%
Number of recipients: 19,729
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,280
Eligibility criteria: Academic

Nevada Student Access Grants/Scholarships
Funds disbursed: $20,793,244
% of all state grants: 34%
Number of recipients: 16,955
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,226
Eligibility criteria: Financial

Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009–2010
Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009–2010
% grant aid based on need, 2009–2010

$4,543 $7,050 $542 $627 $46% $73%
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