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.

New York Residents

32% of New York residents have a B.A. degree
82% of New York students attend an in-state college

$49,826 Median household income in New York (2010)

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$1,013,696,537 in student aid funds disbursed by
5 state grant programs.

Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009–2010
NY $5,740 U.S. AVG. $7,050

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009–2010
NY $1,062 U.S. AVG. $627

% funding of publics from state/local gov, 2008–2009
38% NY 29% U.S. AVG.

% grant aid based on need, 2009–2010
97% NY 73% U.S. AVG.

Largest Two Grant Programs in New York

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

Tuition Assistance Program
Funds disbursed: $901,400,000
% of all state grants: 89%
Eligibility criteria: Financial
Number of recipients: 330,110
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,731

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 59%
PRIVATE 39%
FOR-PROFIT 1%

Allocations
Funds disbursed: $85,195,537
% of all state grants: 8%
Eligibility criteria: DATA UNAVAILABLE
Number of recipients: DATA UNAVAILABLE
Avg. aid per recipient: DATA UNAVAILABLE
% of dollars disbursed by sector: DATA UNAVAILABLE
Eligibility criteria: Financial, Academic