North Carolina 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 North Carolina – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$366,405,290

in student aid funds disbursed by

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state grant programs.

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

42% NC  29% U.S. AVG.

North Carolina Residents

26% of North Carolina residents have a B.A. degree

87% of North Carolina students attend an in-state college

$43,753 Median household income in North Carolina (2010)

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

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010

% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010

4,539 $4,539 7,050 $7,050

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Largest Two Grant Programs in North Carolina

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

UNC Need Based Grant

Funds disbursed: $133,351,783
% of all state grants: 36%

Number of recipients: 61,952
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,153

% of dollars disbursed by sector:

PUBLIC 100%
PRIVATE 0%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

Eligibility criteria: Financial

NC Legislative Tuition Grants

Funds disbursed: $55,593,122
% of all state grants: 15%

Number of recipients: 35,181
Avg. aid per recipient: $1,580

% of dollars disbursed by sector:

PUBLIC 0%
PRIVATE 100%
FOR-PROFIT 0%

Eligibility criteria: N/A