Ohio 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.

Ohio Residents

24% of Ohio residents have a B.A. degree
83% of Ohio students attend an in-state college
$46,093 Median household income in Ohio (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Ohio

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

Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program
- Funds disbursed: $76,301,177
- % of all state grants: 87%
- Avg. aid per recipient: $1,143
- Eligibility criteria: Financial

Number of recipients: 66,779
% of dollars disbursed by sector:
- PUBLIC 51%
- PRIVATE 49%
- FOR-PROFIT 0%

Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program
- Funds disbursed: $6,090,390
- % of all state grants: 7%
- Avg. aid per recipient: $2,298
- Eligibility criteria: N/A

Number of recipients: 2,650
% of dollars disbursed by sector:
- PUBLIC 81%
- PRIVATE 19%
- FOR-PROFIT 0%

Colleges in Ohio – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$87,562,584 in student aid funds disbursed by 3 state grant programs.

Tuition and fees, four-year public colleges, 2009–2010
- OH $8,170
- U.S. AVG. $7,050

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009–2010
- OH $627
- U.S. AVG. $211

% funding of publics from state/local gov., 2008–2009
- 22%
- 29%

% grant aid based on need, 2009–2010
- OH 70%
- U.S. AVG. 73%