Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$217,377,924 in student aid funds disbursed by 6 state grant programs.

Oklahoma Residents

22% of Oklahoma residents have a B.A. degree
87% of Oklahoma students attend an in-state college
$43,400 Median household income in Oklahoma (2010)

Largest Two Grant Programs in Oklahoma

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

Oklahoma Tuition Waiver

Funds disbursed: $129,517,955
% of all state grants: 60%
Number of recipients: 56,509
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,292
Eligibility criteria: Academic

Oklahoma's Promise - OHLAP

Funds disbursed: $53,121,555
% of all state grants: 24%
Number of recipients: 19,416
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,736
Eligibility criteria: Financial, Academic