Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Utah 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 Utah – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$65,761,762

in student aid funds disbursed by 5 state grant programs.

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

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010

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

% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010

Utah Residents

29%
of Utah residents have a B.A. degree

91%
of Utah students attend an in-state college

Median household income in Utah (2010)

$56,787

Largest Two Grant Programs in Utah

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

Tuition Waivers

Funds disbursed:
$56,715,415

% of all state grants: 86%

Number of recipients:
DATA UNAVAILABLE

Avg. aid per recipient:
DATA UNAVAILABLE

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 100%

PRIVATE 0%

FOR-PROFIT 0%

Eligibility criteria:
Financial, Academic

New Century Scholarship

Funds disbursed:
$2,976,749

% of all state grants: 5%

Number of recipients:
1,195

Avg. aid per recipient:
$2,491

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 75%

PRIVATE 25%

FOR-PROFIT 0%

Eligibility criteria:
Academic