Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs

Wyoming 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 Wyoming – Grants, Funding and Tuition

$13,786,863 in student aid funds disbursed by 2 state grant programs.

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

56%  WY  29%  U.S. AVG.

Wyoming Residents

23% of Wyoming residents have a B.A. degree
75% of Wyoming students attend an in-state college
$52,359 Median household income in Wyoming (2010)

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

$3,726 WY  $7,050 U.S. AVG.

Avg. state grant aid per student, 2009-2010

$627 WY  $7 U.S. AVG.

% grant aid based on need, 2009-2010

100% WY  73% U.S. AVG.

Largest Two Grant Programs in Wyoming

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

Hathaway Scholarship
Funds disbursed: $13,621,921
% of all state grants: 99%
Number of recipients: 5,813
Avg. aid per recipient: $2,343
Eligibility criteria: Financial, Academic

% of dollars disbursed by sector: DATA UNAVAILABLE

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Funds disbursed: $164,942
% of all state grants: 1%
Number of recipients: 274
Avg. aid per recipient: $602
Eligibility criteria: Financial

% of dollars disbursed by sector:
PUBLIC 100%
PRIVATE 0%
FOR-PROFIT 0%