

Support

the wisconsin grant

Student financial aid for a stronger Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Tuition Grant, now known as Wisconsin Grants, was enacted in 1965 to help qualified Wisconsin citizens to succeed. Wisconsin Grants are the primary state-funded, need-based financial aid program for Wisconsin students attending private, nonprofit colleges or universities in Wisconsin. There are also Wisconsin Grants appropriations for UW System and Technical College students. Wisconsin Grants funding has received bipartisan support.



COMBATING DISPARITY IN OPPORTUNITY

Nationally, estimated bachelor's degree attainment rates by age 24 were 5 times higher for those in the highest income quartile than for the lowest income quartile (58 percent vs. 11 percent) in 2016. ¹



NEED-BASED AID PAYS FOR ITSELF

It is estimated that any increases in financial aid targeted at students below the 45th percentile of parental income will be self-financing in terms of future tax revenue. ²

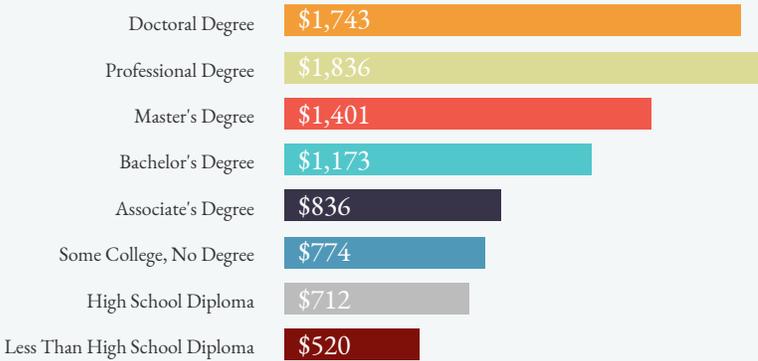


THE WAY TO ACHIEVE GO FORWARD

In order to achieve Wisconsin's goal of a 60 percent attainment rate by 2027, it is essential to provide opportunities to individuals who may not otherwise be able to pursue higher education.

Learn more at www.Wisconsin-Grants.org

Median weekly earnings by educational attainment ³



College graduates have higher median earnings than those without a degree.



MN biennial student aid budget: \$361 million ⁴
WI biennial student aid budget: \$225 million ⁵

MN annual mean wage: \$52,730
WI annual mean wage: \$46,270 ⁶

The Wisconsin Grants program consistently lags behind Minnesota's need-based financial aid program, the Minnesota State Grant. Minnesota enjoys a return on its investment with its annual mean wage exceeding Wisconsin's.



“ We believe that all Wisconsin students who are academically qualified – regardless of their backgrounds – deserve the opportunity to get a quality education. ”

[1] Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy of the University of Pennsylvania (PennAHEAD) and the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity and Higher Education, Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States, 2018 [2] Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis' Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, "Optimal Need-Based Financial Aid," 2018 [3] 2016-17 biennium, Minnesota Office of Higher Education [3] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 [4] 2016-17 biennium, Minnesota Office of Higher Education [5] 2017-19 biennium, 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 [6] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2017 State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates