

Pell Grants:

Keeping College Affordable for Washington Students

Washington is a National Leader in Serving Pell Grant Recipients

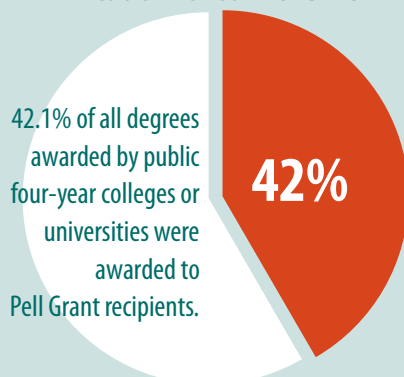
- ◆ \$146.3 million in Pell Grant awards made college possible for **over 35,000** students attending a Washington public four-year college or university in 2015-16.
- ◆ Washington public four-year institutions **ranked 4th** in the nation for Pell Grant recipients in 2015-16.
- ◆ Washington public four-year institutions **ranked 4th** for Pell Grant recipients as a percentage of undergraduate enrollment in 2015-16.
- ◆ Pell Grant recipients enrolled in a Washington public four-year college or university **increased by 64%** between 2007-08 and 2015-16.
- ◆ **32%** of undergraduates at a public four-year college/university received a Pell Grant in 2015-16.
- ◆ Washington Pell Grant recipients in the Class of 2016 graduated with a **similar number** of total credits and time to degree as students who did not receive a Pell Grant.

Pell Grant History

Created in 1972, the Pell Grant program is the largest federal need-based grant program.

The program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and some postbaccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education.

Washington Fast Facts Academic Year 2015-16



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Though Pell Grants are Critical to College Access and Affordability in Washington State, challenges exist

- ◆ The maximum Pell Grant in 2017-18 will cover the **lowest share of college costs** in over 40 years.
- ◆ Nationally among Pell Grant recipients who graduate from a four-year institution, nearly 9 out of 10 have student loans.
- ◆ Since 2011 students can no longer receive Pell Grants

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