

Washington College Grant: Changing Student Lives

The Washington College Grant is the backbone of state financial aid for Washingtonians at the state's public, four-year institutions.

- ◆ The Washington College Grant accounted for **80%** of all state aid provided to students at public baccalaureate institutions in Washington in 2018-19.
- ◆ \$188 million in Washington College Grant funding to the public baccalaureate sector enabled **26,770 Washingtonians** to pursue a degree in 2018-19.
- ◆ **Over a fifth** of students in our sector received a Washington College Grant in 2018-19.
- ◆ An early commitment of the Washington College Grant, **49% of College Bound Scholarship recipients** attended one of our institutions in 2018-19.
- ◆ The Washington College Grant is associated with **completion rates for first-time students entering a public baccalaureate institution.**

Profile of Washington College Grant Recipients

Public Baccalaureate Institutions

2018-19

- 100%** are Washington residents
- 74%** attend full-time
- 75%** are in the final two years of completing their degree
- 44%** are independent students
- 48%** are students of color
- 33%** are students 24 years or older
- 11%** are families with children

Colleges, Universities and the State are Partners in Access, Affordability and Completion

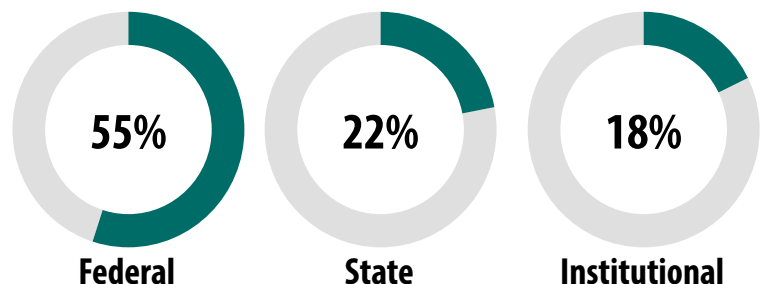
Washington's public four-year college and universities are partners with the state in a shared commitment to increasing access and completion to an affordable quality higher education for Washingtonians. The Washington College Grant is critical in leveraging federal and institutional financial aid to provide sufficient funds for our students to complete and earn their degrees, and completion at our four-year public institutions.

History of the Washington College Grant

Established in 1969, the Washington College Grant (formerly the State Need Grant) program has provided state funding to low- and middle-income students for over 50 years, expanding access, increasing affordability and impacting completion in higher education for Washington residents.

Partnering to Leverage Financial Aid

Sources of Financial Aid to Washington Students 2018-19



Sources: Washington Student Achievement Council