

Washington College Grant: Changing Student Lives

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

- ◆ The Washington College Grant accounted for **93%** of all state aid provided to students at public baccalaureate institutions in Washington in 2019-20.
- ◆ \$221 million in Washington College Grant funding to the public baccalaureate sector enabled **over 29,000 Washingtonians** to pursue a degree in 2019-20.
- ◆ **Over a fifth** of students in our sector received a Washington College Grant in 2019-20.
- ◆ An early commitment of the Washington College Grant, **48% of College Bound Scholarship recipients** attended one of our institutions in 2019-20.
- ◆ The Washington College Grant is associated with **higher completion rates** for first-time students entering a public baccalaureate institution.

Profile of Washington College Grant Recipients Public Baccalaureate Institutions 2019-20

- 100%** are Washington residents
- 90%** attend full-time
- 73%** are in the final two years of completing their degree (junior or senior)
- 36%** are independent students
- 55%** are students of color
- 24%** are students 24 years or older
- 7%** are families with children

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

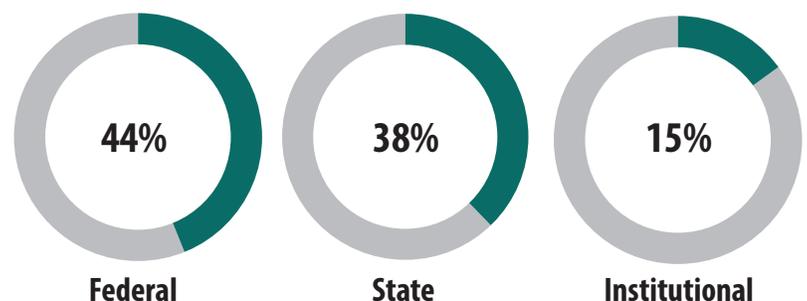
Washington's public four-year college and universities are partners with the state in a shared commitment to increasing access and completion to an affordable quality higher education for Washingtonians. The Washington College Grant is critical in leveraging federal and institutional financial aid to 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 2019-20



Sources: Washington Student Achievement Council