

1. **Question:** What is the purpose of State Need Grant (SNG)?

Answer: SNG has provided financial grant assistance for students from low-income backgrounds to pursue postsecondary education since 1969.

2. **Question:** How are students eligible for SNG?

Answer: Resident undergraduate students with family income at or below 70 percent of the state's median family income are eligible (\$60,500 for a family of four in 2017-18). Institutions will determine priority for receipt of limited SNG funding based on other criteria as well. Additional criteria are noted on ReadySetGrad.org. Students apply for SNG through either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).

3. **Question:** Which institutions participate in SNG?

Currently more than [60 institutions](#)—public and private two- and four-year institutions—are approved to participate in SNG. The requirements are set in statute, and WSAC reviews new applications to participate in state financial aid.

4. **Question:** How much funding is provided to SNG?

Answer: In 2016-17, \$287 million was appropriated to SNG to serve an estimated 69,000 students.

5. **Question:** How does SNG benefit students?

Answer: Students from Washington's lowest-income families are most affected by tuition fluctuations and other financial barriers. They are more likely to enroll and continue their education with financial help.

6. **Question:** How does the program benefit the state?

Answer: SNG helps students access higher education and attain degrees, positively impacting businesses and communities throughout the state.

7. **Question:** How much SNG does each student receive?

Answer: Maximum award amounts for the current year can be found on ReadySetGrad.org. The maximum award is based on a percentage of public tuition and varies by institution. Awards are reduced for higher income categories and part-time enrollment.