

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](http://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 awards amounts for the current year can be found on [ReadySetGrad.org](http://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.