NASSGAP Survey 2025

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General Questions

	Yes	No	N/A
Does your agency review or approve budgets of public institutions?	○	○	○
Is it involved in setting tuition in public institutions?	○	○	○
Does it approve programs offered by public institutions?	○	○	○
Does it approve programs offered by private institutions?	○	○	○
Does your agency certify or license postsecondary institutions?	○	○	○
Is it responsible for the administration of a college savings plan?	○	○	○
Does it administer a state prepaid tuition plan?	○	○	○
Does your agency administer a pre-college/early intervention outreach program?	○	○	○

	Centralized	Decentralized
In general (perhaps with regard only to your primary need-based grant program), would you consider your state to be centralized or decentralized for purposes of awarding student financial aid?	○	○

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Federal Programs

Which other federal programs does the agency administer? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers (ETV) $ [_____]
- ☐ Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) $ [_____]
- ☐ College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) $ [_____]
- ☐ DC TAG $ [_____]
- ☐ John R Justice Loan Repayment $ [_____]
- ☐ Health Professional Loan Repayment $ [_____]
- ☐ Other [_____] $ [_____]

    Total $ [_____]

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Private Programs

Does the agency administer any privately funded programs?

Yes ○   No ○

Please list them by type of program and amount awarded

	Program Name	Program Type	Amount awarded in 2022-2023
1.		⌄	$
2.		⌄	$
3.		⌄	$
4.		⌄	$
5.		⌄	$
6.		⌄	$
7.		⌄	$
8.		⌄	$
9.		⌄	$
10.		⌄	$
		Total	$

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Agency Leadership

Is the agency's executive director appointed by: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ The governor
- ☐ The legislature
- ☐ A board or commission
- ☐ Other: [   ]

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	Yes	No	N/A
1. Is this program new this year?	○	○	○
2. Did you report information for this program last year?	○	○	○
3. Is this program authorized, but not funded?	○	○	○
4. Has this program been discontinued? ❓	○	○	○

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5. What type of award is made through this program?

- ○ Grant or Scholarship
- ○ Loan
- ○ Work-Study
- ○ Tuition waiver (funded or unfunded) ❓
- ○ Loan assumption or forgiveness ❓
- ○ Conditional grant or loan ❓
- ○ Other

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6. Administering Agency for this program

Reporting Agency ☐

Co-Administered ☐

Other Agency ☐

If Co-administered or adminstered by another agency, please provide the name of the other agency [_____]

Contact Person [_____]

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7. Who determines student eligibility requirements?

☐ State

☐ Campus

☐ Other [   ]

8. Who selects the recipients?

☐ State

☐ Campus

☐ Other [   ]

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9. Are students EXCLUDED from eligibility for any of the following reasons?
(Please add in other other reasons for exclusion and check all that apply)

☐ No exclusions

☐ Age

☐ No high school diploma or its equivalent

☐ Non-residents

☐ Students in short vocational programs (non Title IV eligible)

☐ Incarcerated students

☐ Other [   ]

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10. Which of the following students are eligible? (Check all that apply)

☐ Students who are state residents attending institutions in your state

☐ Students who are residents of other states, who attend in your state

☐ Students who are state residents attending an institution in another state

☐ Students enrolled exclusively in distance education
classes provided by institutions in the state

☐ Students who are state residents enrolled exclusively in distance education
classes provided by institutions outside the state

11. Are all eligible students funded? ▼

12. Which of the following types of student may be eligible for an award under this program? (Check all that apply)

☐ Undergraduate, full-time

☐ Undergraduate, at least half-time

☐ Undergraduate, less than half-time

☐ Graduate, full-time

☐ Graduate, at least half-time

☐ Graduate, less than half-time

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Standard for award (Check all that apply)

13. Need (indicate which choice provides the closest description of how need is defined for this program)

- ○ *Student Aid Index*
- ○ *Need (cost-SAI)*
- ○ *Maximum income/income based*
- ○ *Other* [_____]
- ○ *N/A*

14. Merit (Check all that apply)

- ☐ *Test score*
- ☐ *Performance* ❓
- ☐ *Class Rank*
- ☐ *Grades*

    Minimum grade [____ ⌄]

15. Special purpose of award (A purpose other than general student assistance. Check all that apply)

- ☐ Tuition Equalization ❓
- ☐ Workforce development ❓
- ☐ Retraining ❓
- ☐ Post-service ❓
- ☐ Parent or spouse service ❓
- ☐ Disability ❓
- ☐ Send students to other states for specialized programs not available in state
- ☐ Other [_____]

Total Program Expenditures

	2023-2024	2024-2025
16. Total $ disbursed	$0	
17. Unduplicated headcount of recipients	0	
18. Maximum award ❓	0	
19. Minimum award ❓	0	

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20. Program expenditures by source of funds
(*Include* matching funds. Check all that apply)

☐ General fund $ _____

☐ Lottery $ _____

☐ Special tax $ _____

☐ Student fees/tuition $ _____

☐ Matching Funds $ _____

Do not put Federal sources in the 'Other' boxes below unless the money is commingled and you are unable to separate it from state funds. Federally funded programs should go in Part 1.

☐ Other _____ $ _____

☐ Other _____ $ _____

Total $ _____

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21. Program expenditures and number of recipients by type of institution

Institution Type	Dollars Awarded	# of Recipients
Public		
< 2 year in-state		
2 year in-state		
4 year in-state		
Out-of-state		
Private not-for-profit		
< 2 year in-state		
2 year in-state		
4 year in-state		
Out-of-state		
Proprietary		
< 2 year in-state		
2 year in-state		
4 year in-state		
Out-of-state		
Grand Total		

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22. Program expenditures and number of recipients by enrollment status

	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Dollars Awarded	# of Recipients	Dollars Awarded	# of Recipients
Full-time				
At least half-time				
Less than half-time				
Totals				
Full-time, Full year *				

* Many states make awards on a full-time basis assuming full-time, full-year enrollment. This question asks "Regardless of how their awards were determined, how many of the recipients on the "Totals" line above were actual full-time, full-year recipients, meaning students who were actually enrolled full-time for a full year, and how much of the money awarded above went to these full-time, full-year recipients?

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23. Program expenditures and recipients by income and dependency status - Part 1
Income distribution should be based on adjusted gross
income plus nontaxable income.

Dependent Recipients

	Dollars Awarded	Number of Recipients
$0 - 19,999	$	
$20,000 - 39,999	$	
$40,000 - 49,999	$	
$50,000 - 59,999	$	
$60,000 - 79,999	$	
$80,000 - 99,999	$	
Over $100,000	$	
Totals	$	

Median Income of Dependent Recipients $

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24. Program expenditures and recipients by income and dependency status- Part 2
Note: Income categories are not the same as for dependent recipients

Independent Recipients

	Dollars Awarded	Number of Recipients
$0 - 2,999	$	
$3,000 - 5,999	$	
$6,000 - 9,999	$	
$10,000 - 14,999	$	
$15,000 - 19,999	$	
$20,000 - 29,999	$	
$30,000 - 39,999	$	
$40,000 - 49,999	$	
Over $50,000	$	
Totals	$	

Median Income of Independent Recipients $

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25. Comments on the program

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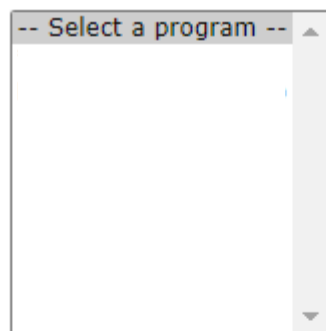
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26. Name of the primary state-funded, need-based program ❓
If the program does not appear in this list you must add it in part 2 of the survey.

-- Select a program --

27. Which need analysis system does your agency use to determine need in your primary need based program?

○   Federal Methodology (FM)

○   FM with some modifications *

○   Special state system *

○   Institutional option *

○   Other *

* Please describe any special state method for determining need focusing on data elements that may supplement those collected through the FAFSA. Question 38 will ask for a narrative desciption of how eligibility is determined.

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28. What resources are counted when determining expected family contribution?

○ Family resources (parent and student contribution)

○ Parent resources only

○ Student resources only

○ Other [   ]

29. In determining student eligibility for your primary need-based grant program do you:

Exclude the asset value of state college savings plans? (check if yes) ☐

Exclude the asset value of state prepaid tuition plans? (check if yes) ☐

30. Do you provide any special treatment for federal tuition tax credits?

[▾]

31. In your primary need based program, can aid be used to defray:

○ Cost of attendance

○ Only approved tuition and fees

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32. In determining award for your primary need based program do you:

○ Recognize the student's current cost of attendance?

○ Impose limits on the amount of costs that are recognized by the program?

33. What do you use as the starting budget in your primary need based program?
Current year's actual cost of attendance

    ○   using no budget caps

    ○   with budget caps

    ○   N/A

Previous year's actual cost of attendance

    ○   using no budget caps

    ○   with budget caps

    ○   N/A

Current year's tuition and fees

    ○   using no budget caps

    ○   with budget caps

    ○   N/A

Previous year's tuition and fees

    ○   using no budget caps

    ○   with budget caps

    ○   N/A

Other [_____]

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General Definition of Enrollment

34. In general and for most (if not all) of your programs, how does your agency define full-time enrollment for undergraduates?

- ○ 15 semester credit hours or its equivalent
- ○ 12 semester credit hours or its equivalent
- ○ Other

35. Does your agency use a different definition of full-time enrollment for graduate students for any programs for which graduate students are eligible?

[dropdown ▾]

If yes, what is the definition:

[text box]

36. What were the considerations in setting the maximum award for your primary need-based grant program?

[text box]

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37. Special annual topic: How did updates to the SAI formula impact your state's ability to award aid to students, i.e. – fewer students awarded, forced to decreased award amounts, etc.?

38. To help people understand how your primary program works, please provide a narrative description of how eligibility and awards were calculated and determined in your primary program for 2023-2024. The answer provided last year is shown below. (If it is still accurate you can copy and paste it into the box and save some typing.)

39. Please provide a narrative overview of how higher education governance and financial aid provision is structured in your state and how your agency fits into this picture.

The answer provided last year is shown below. (If it is still accurate you can copy and paste it into the box and save some typing.)

40. In addition to any comments you made in the individual programs, is there any information you would like to share that might be helpful in interpreting the data you have reported on this survey?