Goal 1: Access & Affordability

MUS State Funded Need-based Aid Programs, FY19

- MT Access Scholarship = $1,000,000
- State Work Study = $815,781
- State SEOG Match = $458,160
- Total Need-based Aid = $2,273,941

MT Access Scholarship

New in FY20, the MUS embarked on a rejuvenated effort to provide state funded need-based aid. The 2019 Legislature appropriated $1M per year for need-based aid, contingent on MUS campus foundations providing matching dollars.

As of November 2020, 95% of the matching funds have been raised for the biennium.

In FY20, approximately 2,000 students received MT Access awards of $500 per semester.

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Goal Statement
Make higher education more affordable by offering more need-based financial aid and scholarships

Objective 1.2.1
Reduce the unmet student need for financial aid (increase need-based aid)

Metric 1.2.1

State Funded Need-based Aid & Average Support per Student

The average amount of state funded need-based aid per student in the nation ($890 per student) is more than ten times the amount in the MUS. (source: National Assc. of State Grant and Aid Programs)

Objective 1.2.2
Increase the percentage of students who receive grants and scholarships, as well as the average amount awarded.