



UW Efforts to Expand Baccalaureate Access through Financial Aid

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UW New Freshmen by Family Income

Wisconsin Family Income Quintile	1992	1996	2000	2002
Low (<\$30,000)	14.5%	13.5%	12.6%	11.0%
Low-Medium (\$30,000-\$45,000)	21.8%	22.8%	21.5%	18.3%
Medium (\$45,000-\$61,000)	25.2%	23.9%	25.0%	24.5%
Medium-High (\$61,000-\$87,000)	21.0%	20.3%	23.3%	25.4%
High (>\$87,000)	17.5%	19.5%	17.6%	20.7%

Sources: ACT, Inc. and U.S. Census Bureau

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Wisconsin's Lowest Family Income Quintile

	2000	2002
Wisconsin Families	20.0%	20.0%
WI ACT Test Takers	15.6%	13.9%
Applied at UW	12.9%	11.4%
Admitted at UW	12.7%	11.1%
Enrolled at UW	12.6%	11.0%

- Fewer low income high school graduates take the ACT test.

State Need-Based Grant Programs in Other States

	Expenditure*	Expenditure (Adjusted for Population)	Maximum Award
Illinois	\$372.4M	\$165.3M	\$4,968
Minnesota	\$125.6M	\$135.3M	\$4,597
Wisconsin	\$55.1M	\$55.1M	\$2,500
Iowa	\$1.3M	\$2.27M	\$940

*Expenditures for all sectors. Wisconsin's maximum represents max for UW-WHEG program.

UW Board of Regents Study Recommended Public Policy Goals for Financial Aid

- Access: Ensure all qualified Wisconsin high school graduates equal access to attend a UW institution, regardless of income.
- Retention: Reduce the financial barriers for low-income UW students so they can remain in school and thus complete their degrees in a timely fashion.
- Brain Gain: Use financial aid incentives to encourage UW graduates to work in Wisconsin after graduation.

Related Issue:

The state's need-based financial aid program (WHEG) is not permanently funded with GPR.

- Financial aid funded in 03-05 through auxiliaries will need to be funded with GPR to maintain current grant levels for students.

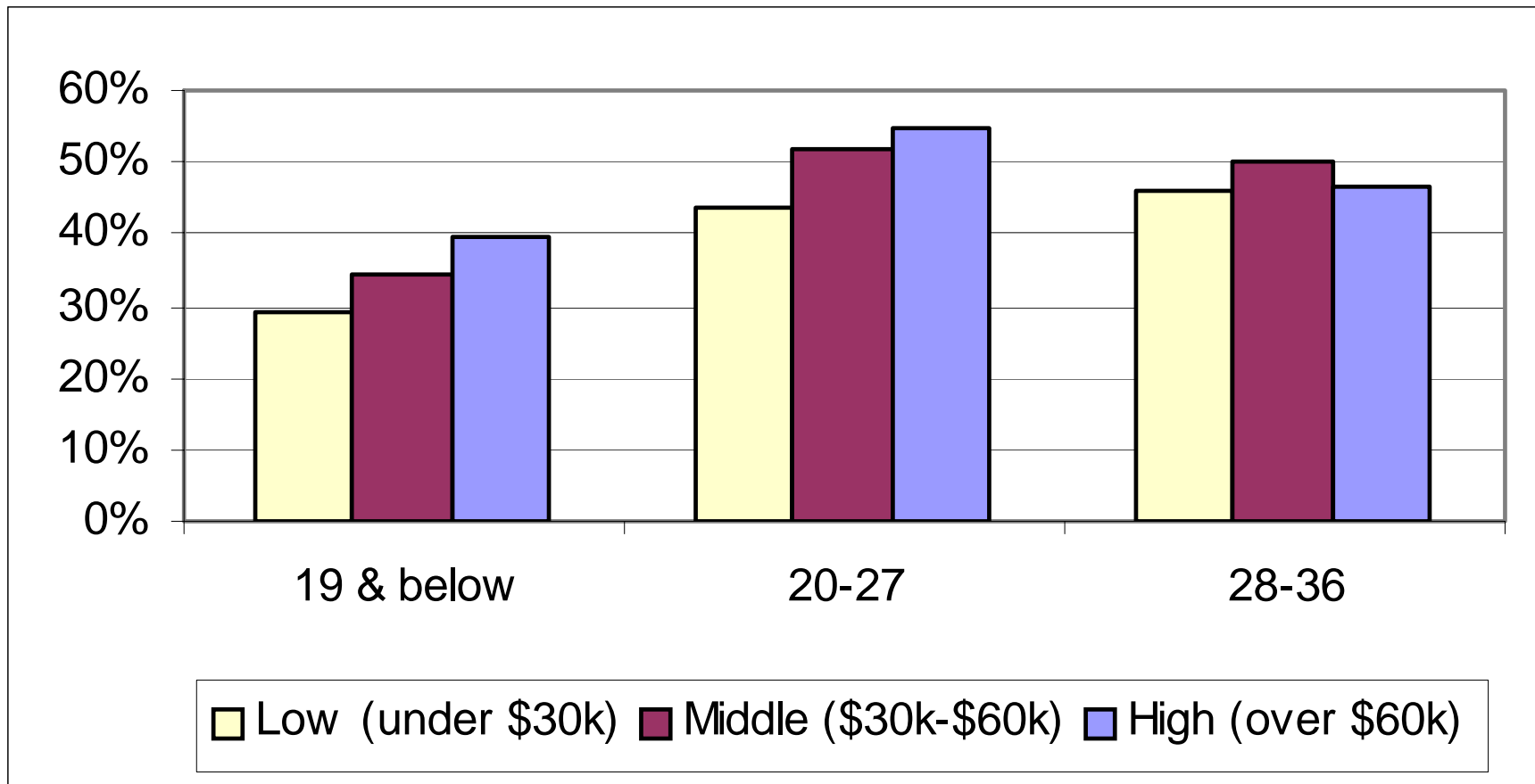
Proposed 2005-07 Financial Aid Budget Recommendation

- Financial aid funded in 03-05 through auxiliaries be funded with GPR to maintain current grant levels for students
- Meet Statutory Requirement of Percentage Increase to State Financial Aid Program Appropriation
- Hold Low-Income Students Harmless from Tuition Increases (Provide a dollar match increase in grant aid)

Long Term Goal

- Cover all or part of Cost of Attendance for Low-Income Wisconsin Residents (Modified NC Covenant)

Access Rates by Income and ACT Score Range



- Regardless of ACT score, low income students have lower access.