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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

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Emily Stork, Chair .....	Johnston .....	June 30, 2026
Timothy Fitzgibbon .....	West Des Moines .....	June 30, 2025
Rylie Maliszewski .....	Ames .....	June 30, 2026
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Terry Murrell, Ph.D. ....	Sioux City .....	June 30, 2025
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Jeremy Swink .....	Altoona .....	June 30, 2025
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Herman C. Quirnbach .....	Ames .....	January 12, 2025
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BUREAU OF IOWA COLLEGE AID

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The Bureau of Iowa College Aid has a long-standing commitment to helping Iowans pursue education beyond high school. Established in 1963 by the Iowa General Assembly to implement the federal assistance program for construction of academic facilities provided by the Higher Education Act of 1963, Iowa College Aid now administers state scholarships, grants, and loan forgiveness programs; manages authorization of postsecondary institutions; conducts research and distributes higher education data; offers Iowans assistance in obtaining student financial aid and college-related information; and provides outreach services to Iowa’s students and families as they explore, finance, and complete educational opportunities beyond high school. Iowa College Aid was moved to within the Department of Education effective July 1, 2023.

Iowa College Aid works with all sectors of higher education and with the state’s K-12 system. A board of commissioners helps coordinate the work of the bureau. As specified by Iowa law, 15 commissioners are appointed to represent the Board of Regents, the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa independent colleges and universities, Iowa community colleges, each house of the General Assembly, Iowa parents of postsecondary students, Iowa postsecondary students, K-12 practitioners, and the general public. The Governor appoints those commissioners representing parents, students, K-12 practitioners, independent colleges, community colleges, and the general public. The Director of the Department of Education serves by virtue of office, and the Board of Regents appoints a representative. Four members are appointed by the General Assembly.

**Scholarship, Grant, and Loan Repayment Programs** – By providing Iowans with \$100 million in Iowa general fund appropriations under scholarship, grant, income bonus, and loan repayment programs, the bureau supports Iowans as they explore, finance, and complete educational opportunities beyond high school. The programs provided more than 29,000 awards to Iowans in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Scholarship and grant dollars assist students pursuing degrees at Iowa colleges and universities while loan repayment funds help repay outstanding federal student loan debts for Iowans employed in specified shortage areas.

- **Iowa Tuition Grant Program** – In 1969, the General Assembly established the Iowa Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance for Iowa students enrolled in

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Iowa's independent colleges and universities. Funding for this program for FY 2024 totals \$51,421,531 for students attending not-for-profit institutions and \$108,000 for students attending for-profit institutions. The maximum Iowa Tuition Grant for students attending Iowa independent, not-for-profit institutions in FY 2024 is \$7,500.

- **Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last-Dollar Scholarship** – In 2018, the Iowa General Assembly established the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last-Dollar Scholarship to provide assistance to cover any remaining gap between federal and state scholarships/grants and tuition and qualified fees. Students must be attending a certificate, diploma, or associate degree program of study aligned with a high-demand job at an Iowa community college or Iowa private college or university. For FY 2024, program funding totals \$23,927,005.
- **Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant** – In 2018, the Iowa General Assembly established the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant to provide assistance to students enrolled in programs aligned with high-demand jobs at Iowa Regents Universities and independent colleges and universities. For FY 2024, the program funding totals \$275,000.
- **Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program** – In 1973, the Iowa General Assembly established the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance to needy Iowa resident students enrolled in vocational-technical or career option courses at Iowa's community colleges. The maximum award for FY 2024 is \$1,000. For FY 2024, program funding totals \$1,750,185.
- **All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program** – In 2007, the General Assembly established the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to access college education to Iowa resident students who demonstrate financial need. For FY 2024, qualified students can receive maximum awards of \$5,198 at eligible Iowa colleges and universities. For FY 2024, program funding totals \$3,229,468.
- **Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship** – Established in 1996, the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship provides funding to members of the Iowa National Guard to help cover the costs of attending Iowa colleges and universities. During FY 2024, eligible members of the Iowa National Guard can receive maximum grants of \$8,798 from an appropriation that totals \$6,600,000.
- **Iowa Work-Study Program** – In 1987, the General Assembly established the Iowa Work-Study Program to provide funding for work-study jobs for Iowa residents attending Iowa colleges and universities. The work-study program has not been funded since FY 2009.
- **Health Care Professional Recruitment Program** – The Health Care Professional Recruitment Program is a loan repayment benefit offered to athletic trainers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, physician assistants, and podiatrists who agree to work full-time in high-need Iowa communities for four years. Program funding for FY 2024 totals \$500,973.
- **Loan Repayment/Income Bonus Programs** – The bureau administers loan repayment programs for physicians, teachers, nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse educators, and physician assistants. Fiscal year 2024 funding for these programs included \$650,000 for the Teach Iowa Scholar Program, \$500,000 for the Health Care Award Program, \$2,504,933 for the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program, \$700,000 for the Rural Iowa Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program, and \$520,000 for the Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program.
- **Skilled Workforce Shortage (Kibbie) Grant Program** – The Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant Program, commonly known as the Kibbie Grant, was established in 2013 to provide need-based financial assistance of up to one-half of the tuition and fees at Iowa community colleges. The grant assists students in career-technical or career option programs in industries identified as having shortages of skilled workers. Program funding for FY 2024 totals \$5,000,000.
- **Workforce Grant and Incentive Program** – In 2023, the Iowa General Assembly established the Workforce Grant and Incentive Program to provide need-based grants to Iowa residents enrolled in programs of study aligned with high-demand jobs at

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Iowa Regents Universities. Those who receive the grant in the same academic year in which they graduate can apply for an incentive payment if they find employment in a high-demand job in Iowa within six months of graduation. After 12 consecutive months of full-time employment in the high-demand job, the incentive payment is paid. Program funding for FY 2024 totals \$6,500,000.

**Federal Grant Program – Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Iowa Grant** – The GEAR UP Iowa Grant is a \$25 million, seven-year federal grant. Working with a cohort of more than 7,500 students, GEAR UP Iowa’s mission is to provide statewide and school-based services to significantly increase the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The program follows the cohort of students through its first year in college and culminates with a GEAR UP Iowa scholarship.

**Community Engagement Programs** – The bureau oversees projects that increase college awareness, provide professional development opportunities for counselors and educators, and support projects surrounding career planning strategies and college awareness and readiness.

**Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Program** – In 1998, the General Assembly requested that the bureau administer the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship. Recipients receive one-time awards based on participation at the Iowa State Fair. FY 2024 will be the last year the scholarship is awarded, since all available funding will be depleted.

**Postsecondary Authorization** – The bureau oversees state authorization of postsecondary institutions and other instructional schools under Iowa Code chapters 261B, 714, and the state reciprocity agreement under Iowa Code chapter 261G. Iowa Code chapter 261B requires a school to seek authorization if it conducts a program resulting in a postsecondary educational credential offered in Iowa, or if it has a presence in this state and offers a program resulting in a postsecondary educational credential in other states or foreign countries. Iowa colleges and universities authorized under Iowa Code chapter 261B are eligible to apply to participate in a commission-approved state authorization reciprocity agreement as described in Iowa Code chapter 261G. Iowa Code section 714.18 requires every person, institution, firm, association, or corporation that maintains or conducts in Iowa a postsecondary educational course, or solicits in Iowa the sale of such a course, to provide evidence of financial responsibility, with exceptions noted in Iowa Code section 714.19.

**Training and Research** – The bureau provides training relating to state regulatory and compliance issues. The bureau works with all sectors of higher education in Iowa and provides information on a wide variety of topics related to higher education in Iowa. The bureau collects and maintains data on state scholarships and grants, college costs, student loans, and Iowa postsecondary preparation. The data and reports are made available in the Higher Education Data Center on the bureau’s Internet site.

**The Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP)** – From 1979 to 2010, the commission insured more than \$7.2 billion in federal loans for Iowa students and parents. The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA), which dealt with student loan reform, eliminated the commission’s authority to originate new loans through FFELP.

IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
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John Cool, Superintendent

Iowa School for the Deaf has been helping students thrive, both academically and socially, since 1855. Iowa School for the Deaf is a language immersion program offering both day and boarding options. Iowa School for the Deaf provides individualized instruction for preschool, K-12, and 12+ students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The school is financed primarily by state funding — families do not pay for tuition, room, board, or transportation.

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IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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Iowa Educational Services for Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI) is Iowa's provider of educational services for children and adolescents ages birth to 21 who are blind and visually impaired. Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired contracts with the state's area education agencies and serves most of Iowa's school districts through an itinerant model. Staff travel to schools, homes, and other locations as needed.