

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant Program

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant Program, individuals must meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Student is under the age of 18 and currently in licensed foster care under the custody of the Department of Human Services or Juvenile Court Services (JCS) and will remain in placement to within 30 days of the student's 18th birthday.
- Student is under the age of 18 and currently under a JCS order to live with a relative or suitable person and will remain in placement to within 30 days of the student's 18th birthday.
- Student is currently between the ages of 18 and 23 and was in one of the living situations described above until the age of 18; and student will be under the age of 23 when beginning college or job training.
- Student was previously in Iowa foster care and was legally adopted after the age of 16; and the student will be under the age of 23 when beginning college or job training.
- Student is/was under a JCS order to reside at the State Training School or the Iowa Juvenile Home until age 18 and will be under the age of 23 when beginning college or job training.

### Grant Amounts and Uses

Grants range from \$2,000 to \$8,000 per year and can be used for any college expenses, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, on-campus or off-campus housing, meal plans, transportation, and personal living expenses.

Priority is given to renewal applications filed by March 1. New applications are considered in the order received.

### Funding

Since FY 2010, the Program has received annual General Fund appropriations ranging between \$554,000 and \$619,000.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [261.6](#)

[283](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [9](#)

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### More Information

College Student Aid Commission: <http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/index.html>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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