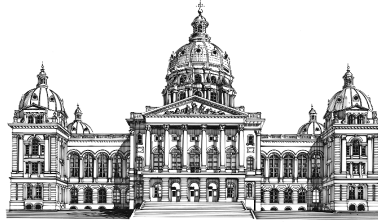


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## Board of Regents FY 2003 Student Financial Aid

### ISSUE

The Board of Regents universities provide financial assistance to students in the form of grants, loans, and employment. This *Issue Review* provides information related to FY 2003.

### AFFECTED AGENCIES

Board of Regents

### CODE AUTHORITY

Chapter 262, Code of Iowa

### BACKGROUND

The Board of Regents universities offer financial aid packages utilizing a combination of federal, State, and institutional funds. In FY 2003, a total of \$619.8 million in financial aid was distributed to Regents students. The distribution by source of funds consisted of the following:

- Federal - \$330.1 million (53.2%)
- State - \$70.2 million (11.3%)
- Institutional - \$192.5 million (31.1%)
- Other - \$27.0 million (4.4%)

The distribution by type of funds consisted of the following:

- Grants/scholarships - \$145.7 million (23.5%)
- Loans - \$337.1 million (54.4%)
- Employment - \$137.0 million (22.1%)

A total of 176,741 financial aid awards were made in FY 2003 as follows:

- Grants/scholarships – 62,680 (35.4%)
- Loans – 76,309 (43.2%)
- Employment – 37,752 (21.4%)

Graduating students that spent four years at the same Regents university had the following average debt load:

- University of Iowa (SUI) - \$23,448
- Iowa State University (ISU) - \$26,398
- University of Northern Iowa (UNI) - \$16,693

### **TUITION SET-ASIDE**

Board of Regents policy requires a minimum of 15.0% of gross tuition revenues be set aside for financial assistance. The total general operating fund tuition revenues for FY 2004 and the amount of set-aside for aid to individuals for each of the universities are illustrated in the table below:

**Board of Regents  
FY 2004 Tuition Assistance Set-Aside**

<b>University</b>	<b>FY 2004 Gen. Op. Fund Tuition Revenue</b>	<b>Financial Assistance Set Aside</b>	<b>Percent</b>
SUI	\$ 170,198,158	\$ 29,304,367	15.0%
ISU	160,217,878	36,212,919	22.6%
UNI	54,441,031	10,283,503	18.9%

The Board's policy for tuition set-aside provides financial assistance to students that helps them offset tuition increases. However, the tuition set-aside practice is a Board policy that is not required by statute. If the amount of set-aside were reduced or eliminated, more tuition revenue would be available for general operating expenditures such as salaries, repairs, library acquisitions, and supplies.

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Source: Board of Regents "Annual Governance Report on Student Financial Aid" – July 21, 2004  
[http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/Meetings/DocketMemos/04Memos/aug04/0804\\_ITEM04.pdf](http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/Meetings/DocketMemos/04Memos/aug04/0804_ITEM04.pdf)