

CHAPTER 34
COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER GRANTS

283—34.1(261) Tuition grants. Tuition grants to Iowa residents enrolled in eligible cosmetology and barber programs at private vocational schools in the state are based on financial need.

34.1(1) Financial need.

a. The need of an applicant for financial assistance shall be evaluated on the basis of a confidential statement of family finances filed on forms designated by the commission. The forms must be received by the processing agent by the date specified in the application instructions.

b. Financial need is defined as the difference between the estimated amount of family resources available for postsecondary expenses and the total educational costs at the student's institution.

34.1(2) Tuition and mandatory fees. Tuition and mandatory fees shall be defined as those instructional costs paid annually by all students enrolled on a full-time basis, such costs to be reported annually to the commission by each participating institution.

34.1(3) Student eligibility.

a. A recipient must be an Iowa resident. The criteria used by the state board of regents to determine residency for tuition purposes, IAC 681—1.4(262), are adopted for this program.

b. A recipient may receive cosmetology and barber grants for not more than one calendar year.

34.1(4) Award limits. The maximum annual amount of the grant to an eligible cosmetology or barber student is \$650 for a 2,100 clock-hour program. The grants will be disbursed in at least two installments that coincide with the disbursement schedule required for the federal family education loan program and must be applied to the student's tuition and mandatory fees.

34.1(5) Self-supporting applicants. For purposes of determining financial independence, the commission has adopted the definition in use by the U.S. Department of Education for the federally funded student assistance programs. Self-supporting applicants must certify their status on forms designated by the commission and supply any required documentation to the educational institution.

34.1(6) Priority for grants. Applicants are ranked in order of the estimated amount of the student's family contribution toward college expenses. Awards are granted to those who demonstrate need in order of family contribution from lowest to highest, insofar as funds permit. In the event that appropriations are insufficient to help all students with no means of contribution to their educational expenses, institutional allocations will be made based on the number of the institutions' students passing the appropriate licensure examination during the preceding calendar year as a percentage of the total number of students passing the examination during that year. Institutional aid officers will be called upon to select students to receive grants.

34.1(7) Award notification. A grant recipient is notified of the award by the educational institution(s). The institution(s) is responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. The institution reports changes of student eligibility to the commission.

34.1(8) Full year of study. For purposes of these grants, the commission has defined "full year of study" as 2,100 clock hours.

34.1(9) Eligible programs. For purposes of these grants, only students enrolled in a course of study leading to barber or cosmetology licensure may receive assistance.

34.1(10) Restrictions. A student who is in default on a Stafford Loan, SLS Loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for Iowa cosmetology and barber grants. A loan which has been discharged in bankruptcy shall not be considered in default; however, it must be reaffirmed before the student's eligibility may be reinstated. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in an appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 5.

283—34.2(261) Cosmetology and barber grant institutional eligibility requirements.

34.2(1) *Method of gaining institutional eligibility.* Officials of Iowa institutions requesting Iowa cosmetology and barber grants for their students must apply to the Iowa college student aid commission utilizing the commission's designated application. The applicant institution must:

- a. Be accredited by one of the following national accrediting commissions: the National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (NACCAS) or the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools/Colleges of Technology (ACCS/CT);
- b. Be currently licensed by the state of Iowa to provide instruction in cosmetology arts and sciences or barbering;
- c. Be in good standing with the federal Department of Education and administering federal student aid; and
- d. Not have a federal cohort default rate of 20 percent or higher for the most recent rate reported.

34.2(2) *Processing applications.* Initial year participation. Application forms shall be provided by the commission. The applicant institution shall submit its application and furnish the following to the commission on or before August 15, 1994:

- a. Documentation establishing accreditation;
- b. Documentation establishing the institution's good standing with the federal Department of Education;
- c. Copy of the most recent federal student aid program review or audit;
- d. Copy of the institution's most recent student aid audit conducted by its independent auditing firm.

34.2(3) *Notice of change of status.* Any institution which loses NACCAS or ACCS/CT accreditation, state licensure, or eligibility for administering federal aid shall immediately notify the commission. Failure to provide this notice will be justification for denying the institution's eligibility for a period determined by the commission.

Students attending an institution that loses its eligibility during the school year may continue to receive the remaining portion of the award at the institution or have the remaining portion transferred to another eligible institution.

34.2(4) *Review of eligibility.* The commission shall periodically review compliance of institutions benefiting from cosmetology and barber grants with criteria described in 1994 Iowa Acts, chapter 1199, section 8(18), and this rule.

34.2(5) *Institutional reporting.* The commission will monitor the administration of these grants according to this chapter and will require participating postsecondary institutions that receive funds for enrolled students to furnish any information necessary for the implementation or administration of the program. This may include, but is not limited to, enrollment data, faculty characteristics, revenue and expense reports, financial aid summaries, job placement information, and reports required by Iowa Code section 714.25.

These rules are intended to implement 1994 Iowa Acts, chapter 1199, section 8(18).

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