ARC 0761D

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant program and providing an opportunity for public comment

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 13, "Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.192.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.192.

Purpose and Summary

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 13 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, relating to the administration of the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program. The amendments expand program access to eligible programs at Iowa barbering and cosmetology schools. The rulemaking ensures that program administration aligns with current law and provides clear guidance regarding eligibility, application, and award processes.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

Katrina Holck
College Student Aid Commission
Grimes Building
400 East 14th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Phone: 515.729.7449
Email: katrina.holck@iowa.gov

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 16, 2026 3:30 p.m.	Room B50 Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa
December 22, 2026 3:30 p.m.	Room B50 Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 283—13.1(256) as follows:

283—13.1(256) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant program is tuition-restricted and is also based on the financial metric and financial need of Iowa residents enrolled in eligible programs of study at Iowa community colleges or eligible programs of study at licensed Iowa barbering and cosmetology colleges.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 283—13.3(256) as follows:

283—13.3(256) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled at least part-time in a program of study that is classified as a career and technical education program by the Iowa department of education or a barbering cosmetology arts and sciences program; meets the award eligibility criteria; and meets the following provisions:

1. and 2. No change.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 283—13.4(256) as follows:

283—13.4(256) Awarding of funds.

13.4(1) No change.

13.4(2) *Extent of award and maximum award.* Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of four full-time awards. If the program of study cannot be completed by the eligible applicant within the extent of the award, the eligible applicant may qualify for the equivalent of one additional full-time award. These limits reset after two years of no postsecondary enrollment, pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.192(3)*"b."*

a. The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the student's financial need and may be the lesser of:

(1) The difference between the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books and supplies, as determined by the commission, and the amount of the federal Pell Grant for which the student qualifies,

(2) $1,200 for students enrolled in community colleges,

(3) $6,000 for students enrolled in barbering and cosmetology colleges and programs,

~~(3)~~ (4) An award amount established by the commission that allows all eligible applicants to receive an award.

b. and *c.* No change.

13.4(3) *Awarding process.*

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating ~~Iowa community~~ colleges annually to authorize awarding.

b. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide ~~Iowa community colleges~~ participating institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

c. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will notify recipients of the awards, clearly indicating the award amount and the state program from which funding is being provided and stating that the award is contingent on the availability of state funds.

d. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

e. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment, program of study, and financial situation, and promptly report those changes to the commission.

f. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

g. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of ~~Iowa community colleges~~ participating ~~in this program~~ institutions with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.192 and this rule.