

**COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.3, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 12, “Iowa Tuition Grant Program,” and Chapter 17, “Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 12 changes the date by which a college or university must apply for participation in the Iowa Tuition Grant Program. The change is necessary due to the federal Department of Education’s change in the release of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the importance of information received from the FAFSA in projecting future awards under the state program.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 17 update language with respect to the submission of employment information, change the date by which a college must apply for participation in the Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program due to the federal Department of Education’s change in the release of the FAFSA, and ensure that the disbursement of funding is aligned with need.

Interested persons may submit comments orally or in writing by 4:30 p.m. on July 12, 2016, to the Executive Director, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, 430 East Grand Avenue, Third Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1920. Written comments also may be sent by fax to (515)725-3401, by e-mail to [julie.leeper@iowa.gov](mailto:julie.leeper@iowa.gov), or via the Iowa administrative rules Web site at <https://rules.iowa.gov>.

The Commission does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of these rules.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Commission finds that there is no impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 261.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 12.2(2) as follows:

**12.2(2) Processing college and university applications.** Application forms will be provided by the commission.

Applicant colleges and universities are required to provide the commission with documentation establishing eligibility as described in 12.2(1).

Colleges and universities seeking to participate in the Iowa tuition grant program must submit applications by ~~January 1~~ October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

Applicant colleges and universities must submit written plans outlining academic programs that integrate summer attendance in accelerated programs prior to making summer awards. If the summer program is approved by the commission, an applicant’s students may receive Iowa tuition grants beginning in the summer following approval. Academic programs, defined by colleges or universities, which allow students to complete four-year baccalaureate programs in less than the normal prescribed time period while taking the same courses as students completing the same degree during a traditional four-year time period will be approved. A summer academic program may be defined for a group of students or may be a self-directed program in which a student has received approval from appropriate officials of the college or university.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **17.2(1)“f”** as follows:

*f.* Submit an annual report which includes student and faculty information, enrollment and employment information, and other information required by the commission as described in Iowa Code sections section 261.9 through 261.16; and

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **17.2(2)“b”** as follows:

*b.* Colleges seeking to participate in the barber and cosmetology arts and sciences tuition grant program must submit applications by ~~January 1~~ October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new paragraph **17.2(4)“c”**:

*c.* If a school does not expend its entire allocation, the unspent funds must be returned to the commission. The school’s allocation for the following fiscal year will be reduced by the amount of the unspent allocation.