

261.2 Duties of commission.

The commission shall:

1. Prepare and administer a state plan for a state supported and administered scholarship program. The state plan shall provide for scholarships to deserving students of Iowa, matriculating in Iowa universities, colleges, community colleges, or schools of professional nursing. Eligibility of a student for receipt of a scholarship shall be based upon academic achievement and completion of advanced level courses prescribed by the commission.
2. Administer the tuition grant program under this chapter.
3. Develop and implement, in cooperation with the state board of regents, an educational program and marketing strategies designed to inform parents about the options available for financing a college education and the need to accumulate the financial resources necessary to pay for a college education. The educational program shall include, but not be limited to, distribution of informational material to public and nonpublic elementary schools for distribution to parents and guardians of five-year and six- year old children.
4. Approve transfers from the scholarship and tuition grant reserve fund under section 261.20.
5. Develop and implement, in cooperation with the judicial district departments of correctional services and the department of corrections, a program to assist criminal offenders in applying for federal and state aid available for higher education.
6. Develop and implement, in cooperation with the department of human services and the judicial branch, a program to assist juveniles who are sixteen years of age or older and who have a case permanency plan under chapter 232 or 237 or are otherwise under the jurisdiction of chapter 232 in applying for federal and state aid available for higher education.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 261.2]

83 Acts, ch 101, § 60; 83 Acts, ch 184, § 5, 11, 15; 88 Acts, ch 1003, §1; 88 Acts, ch 1261, § 2; 88 Acts, ch 1284, § 20, 21; 89 Acts, ch 300, § 2; 90 Acts, ch 1253, § 122; 90 Acts, ch 1272, §45; 92 Acts, ch 1231, §42; 92 Acts, ch 1240, §17; 93 Acts, ch 179, § 20; 95 Acts, ch 70, § 1; 98 Acts, ch 1047, §27; 2000 Acts, ch 1095, §3