

**261B.2 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the college student aid commission created pursuant to section 261.1.

2. “*Degree*” means a postsecondary credential conferring on the recipient the title of associate, bachelor, master, or doctor, or an equivalent title, signifying educational attainment based on any one or a combination of study or the equivalent experience or achievement testing. A postsecondary degree under this chapter shall not include an honorary degree or other unearned degree.

3. “*Presence*” means maintaining an address within Iowa.

4. “*School*” means an agency of the state or political subdivision of the state, individual, partnership, company, firm, society, trust, association, corporation, or any combination which meets any of the following criteria:

a. Is, owns, or operates a nonprofit postsecondary educational institution.

b. Provides a postsecondary instructional program or course leading to a degree.

c. Uses in its name the term “*college*”, “*academy*”, “*institute*”, or “*university*” or a similar term to imply that the person is primarily engaged in the education of students at the postsecondary level, and which makes a charge for its services.

5. “*Student*” means a person who enrolls in or seeks to enroll in a course of instruction offered or conducted by a school.

84 Acts, ch 1098, §2; 96 Acts, ch 1158, §5, 6; 2009 Acts, ch 12, §3, 4