

**260I.3 Applicants for tuition assistance — eligibility criteria.**

1. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) defining eligibility criteria for persons applying to receive tuition assistance under [this chapter](#).

2. *a.* An applicant for tuition assistance under [this chapter](#) must have a demonstrated capacity to achieve the following outcomes:

- (1) The ability to complete an eligible certificate program.
- (2) The ability to enter a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree program for credit.
- (3) The ability to gain full-time employment.
- (4) The ability to maintain full-time employment over time.

*b.* The community college receiving the application shall only approve an applicant for tuition assistance under [this chapter](#) if the community college determines the applicant has a strong likelihood of achieving the outcomes described in paragraph “*a*” after considering factors including but not limited to:

- (1) Barriers that may prevent an applicant from completing the certificate program.
- (2) Barriers that may prevent an applicant from gaining employment in an in-demand occupation.

3. Applicants may be found eligible for partial or total tuition assistance.

4. The community college receiving the application may limit an applicant to one eligible certificate program or to eligible programs within one career pathway, based on the funding available to the community college for purposes of this program.

[2011 Acts, ch 118, §87, 89; 2011 Acts, ch 132, §81, 106; 2015 Acts, ch 140, §44, 58, 59; 2019 Acts, ch 135, §22 – 24; 2020 Acts, ch 1063, §101; 2023 Acts, ch 111, §28](#)

Subsections 2 and 5 stricken and former subsections 3, 4, and 6 renumbered as 2, 3, and 4