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CHAPTER 1
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283—1.1(256) Purpose. This chapter describes the organization, operation, and location of the college student aid commission (hereinafter generally referred to as the commission).

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283—1.2(261) Organization and operations.

1.2(1) Location. The location and mailing address of the commission are posted on the Iowa department of education website (educateiowa.gov).

1.2(2) The commission board. The commission board's membership is governed by Iowa Code section 256.176.

1.2(3) Commission board meetings.

a. A quorum is governed by Iowa Code section 17A.2(1).

b. A specific time is set aside at each meeting for the public to address the commission board. As a general guideline, a limit of five minutes will be allocated for each of these presentations. If a large group seeks to address a specific issue, the chairperson may limit the number of speakers. Members of the public who wish to address the commission board during this portion of the meeting are required to notify the commission's administrative secretary prior to the meeting. The person's name and the subject of the person's remarks must be provided. To accommodate maximum public participation, members of the public are encouraged to submit requests at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

1.2(4) Commission. The commission is established by Iowa Code section 256.176 to perform the function and duties set forth in Iowa Code chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4; Iowa Code chapter 261B; other Iowa Code provisions; and the Iowa Administrative Code. The commission exists as a bureau within the organizational structure of the Iowa department of education.

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CHAPTER 2
COMMISSION PROCEDURE FOR RULEMAKING
AND PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING

[Prior to 8/10/88, see College Aid Commission, 245—13.1 and 13.2]

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283—2.1(17A) Incorporation by reference. The college student aid commission incorporates by this reference all such matters in Iowa Code chapter 17A that deal with rulemaking or petitions for rulemaking.
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283—2.2(17A) Contact information.

2.2(1) General. Petitions for rulemaking and inquiries about commission rules and the rulemaking process may be directed to the Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

2.2(2) Comments on proposed rules. Any public comment on a Notice of Intended Action or similar document may be directed to the Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146, or as directed in the Notice of Intended Action or similar document.

2.2(3) Petitions for rulemaking. A petition for rulemaking that substantially conforms to the following form will be considered by the commission:

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION	
Petition by (Name of Petitioner) for the Adoption/Amendment/Repeal of (Cite rule involved).	}
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING	

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283—2.3(17A) Electronic submissions. The department encourages electronic submissions of documents under this chapter, including documents bearing electronic signatures. More information is available in the administrative rules content on the Iowa department of education’s website (educateiowa.gov).

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CHAPTER 3
DECLARATORY ORDERS

[Prior to 8/10/88, see College Aid Commission, 245—13.4 and 13.5]

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The college student aid commission adopts, with the exceptions and amendments noted in rule 283—3.1(17A), the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, which are published at www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf on the general assembly's website.

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283—3.1(17A) Additional information concerning declaratory orders. For purposes of the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, the following amendments and exceptions apply:

1. In lieu of “(designate agency)”, insert “college student aid commission”.
2. In lieu of “(designate office)”, insert “Grimes State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146”.
3. In lieu of “_____ days (15 or less)”, insert “15 days”.
4. In lieu of “_____ days”, insert “15 days”.
5. In lieu of “(designate official by full title and address)”, insert “Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146”.
6. In lieu of “(specify office and address)”, insert “Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146”.
7. Method of service, time of filing, proof of mailing, the date of issuance of an order, and a refusal to issue an order are governed by 283—Chapter 4.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.9.

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CHAPTER 4
DUE PROCESS AND CONTESTED CASES

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[Prior to 10/15/03, see 283—Ch 5]

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283—4.1(256) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter:

“*Commission*” means the college student aid commission.

“*Waiver*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(5).

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283—4.2(256) Appeals. This rule describes procedures for appeal to commission decisions covering eligibility for state financial aid awards, adjustment in award amounts, refunds of awards, and institutional eligibility for participation in state financial aid programs.

4.2(1) Administrative staff of the commission shall make all decisions in accordance with established policies and published administrative rules approved by the commission and shall notify the concerned individual or institution of these decisions within a reasonable time after inquiry.

4.2(2) If an individual, institution, or any duly appointed representative thereof disagrees with a staff decision, written evidence setting forth the reasons for disagreement shall be presented to the executive director of the commission. The evidence must be presented within 60 days after notification of the staff decision, and the appellant may request a hearing.

a. If no hearing is requested, the executive director will consider all evidence provided and will notify the appellant within 30 days whether the decision is retracted, modified or upheld. The appellant will be advised of the appellant’s right to carry the appeal to a meeting of the full commission or to an appeals panel appointed by the commission.

b. If a hearing is requested, the executive director will follow the contested case procedures in rule 283—4.3(17A).

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283—4.3(17A) Incorporation by reference. The commission adopts, with the exceptions and amendments noted in rule 283—4.4(17A), the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to contested cases, which are published at www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf on the general assembly’s website.

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283—4.4(17A) Additional information concerning contested cases. For purposes of the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, the following amendments and exceptions apply:

1. In lieu of “(agency name)”, insert “college student aid commission”.
2. In lieu of “(designate official)”, insert “Executive Director”.

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CHAPTER 5
CONTESTED CASES

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CHAPTER 6
PUBLIC RECORDS AND FAIR INFORMATION PRACTICES

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The commission hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to public records and fair information practices, which are published at www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf on the general assembly's website.

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283—6.1(17A,22) Exceptions and additions.

6.1(1) *Definition of "agency."* In lieu of the words "(official or body issuing these rules)", insert "college student aid commission".

6.1(2) *Request for access to record.* In subrule X.3(1), replace the paragraph with "Requests for access to records of the college student aid commission are to be directed to the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146, regardless of where those records are located."

6.1(3) *Office hours.* In lieu of the words "(insert customary office hours and, if agency does not have customary office hours of at least thirty hours per week, insert hours specified in Iowa Code section 22.4)" in subrule X.3(2), insert "8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays".

6.1(4) *Fees.* In paragraph X.3(7) "c," in lieu of the words "(specify time period)", insert "one hour". The fee will be \$60 per hour.

6.1(5) *Procedure by which additions, dissents, or objections may be entered into certain records.* In rule X.6, in lieu of the words "(designate office)", insert "the executive director of the college student aid commission".

6.1(6) *Consent to disclosure by the subject of a confidential record.* In rule X.7, add the following paragraphs:

X.7(1) A letter from a subject of a confidential record to a public official who seeks the official's intervention on behalf of the subject in a matter that involves the agency may to the extent permitted by law be treated as an authorization to release sufficient information about the subject to the official to resolve the matter.

X.7(2) The subject of a confidential record may file a written request to review confidential records about that person as provided in rule 281—5.6(22,256). However, the agency need not release records to the subject in the following circumstances:

a. The identity of a person providing information to the agency need not be disclosed directly or indirectly to the subject of the information when the information is authorized to be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(18) or other provision of law.

b. Records need not be disclosed to the subject when the records are the work product of an attorney or are otherwise privileged.

c. Peace officers' investigative reports may be withheld from the subject, except as provided by the Iowa Code. More information can be found in Iowa Code section 22.7(5).

d. As otherwise authorized by law.

X.7(3) Where a record has multiple subjects with interest in the confidentiality of the record, the agency may take reasonable steps to protect confidential information relating to another subject.

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283—6.2(22,256) Disclosures without the consent of the subject.

6.2(1) Records that are not confidential are routinely disclosed without the consent of the subject.

6.2(2) Records that are confidential will be disclosed outside of the commission only with the consent of the subject of the record or in circumstances in which consent of the subject is not legally necessary.

6.2(3) Confidential records may be disclosed without consent of the subject to the extent allowed by law and to the extent to which the need to access the record is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected. Purposes that fall within this guideline are considered routine uses of confidential records. Under these premises, the following are considered routine uses:

a. Disclosure to officers, employees, and agents of the commission who have a need for the record in the performance of their employment duties. The custodian of the record may, upon request of an officer or employee or on the custodian's own initiative, determine what constitutes legitimate need to use a confidential record.

b. Transfers of information within the commission, to other state agencies, or to local units of government, as appropriate, to administer the program for which the information is collected.

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283—6.3(17A,22) Availability of records.

6.3(1) This rule lists the commission records that are open to the public, those that are confidential, and those that are partially open and partially confidential.

6.3(2) Commission records are listed by category, according to the legal basis for confidential treatment (if any). The commission administers federally funded programs, as well as state programs, and is authorized by Iowa Code section 22.9 to enforce confidentiality standards for federal law and regulations as are required for receipt of the funds. A single record may contain information from several categories.

6.3(3) The chart indicates whether the record contains personally identifiable information and indicates the legal authority for confidentiality and for the collection of personally identifiable information.

Abbreviations are used in the chart as follows:

Code	Meaning	Code	Meaning
O	The records are open for public inspection.	O/C	The record is partially open and partially confidential.
C	The records are confidential and are not open to public inspection.	O/E	The record is partially open to the public and partially exempt from disclosure.
E	The record is exempt from mandatory disclosure to members of the public.	O/E/C	The record is partially open to the public, partially exempt from disclosure, and partially confidential and not open to the public.
E/C	The record is exempt from mandatory disclosure to the public and is confidential and not open to public inspection.	NA	Not applicable.

DESCRIPTION OF RECORD	TYPE OF RECORD	LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONFIDENTIALITY	PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION	LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION
Records of Commission, Advisory Council, and Committees	O/E	Iowa Code 21.5	No	NA
Rulemaking	O	NA	No	NA
Declaratory Ruling Records	O/C	Iowa Code 22.7	No	NA
Rules and Policy Manuals	O	NA	No	NA
General Correspondence	O/E/C	Iowa Code 22.7	Yes	NA
Publications	O	NA	No	NA
• General				
• GSL				
• Scholarship				
Statistical Reports	O	NA	No	NA
Staff Reports	O	NA	No	NA
Financial & Administrative Records	O/E/C	Iowa Code 22.7	Yes	NA
Registration and Approval Records	O	NA	No	NA
Contracts and Interagency Agreements	O/C	Iowa Code 22.7(3)	No	NA
Sealed Bids Prior to Public Opening	C	Iowa Code 22.3, 22.7 and 72.3	No	NA
Appeal Records	O/C	Iowa Code 22.7	Yes	NA
Litigation Files	O/E/C	Iowa Code 22.7	Yes	NA
Privileged Communication and Products of Attorneys Representing the Commission	E/C	Iowa Code 22.7, Iowa Code of Professional Responsibility for Lawyers, Canon 4	No	NA
Individual Applicant/Recipient Records (such as those collected under the Iowa Tuition Grant and Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Programs)	C	Iowa Code 22.7	Yes	Sec. 428[b-c] and Sec. 488[c]
State and Federal Program Records (such as those maintained under the Iowa Tuition Grant Program and the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program)	O	NA	No	NA

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283—6.4(22,256) Applicability. This chapter does not:

- 6.4(1)** Compel the commission to create a record that does not otherwise exist.
- 6.4(2)** Require the commission to index or retrieve records that contain information about individuals by that person's name or other personal identifier.
- 6.4(3)** Make available to the general public records that would otherwise not be available under Iowa Code chapter 22.
- 6.4(4)** Govern the maintenance, disclosure or notification of or access to records in the possession of the commission that are governed by the rules of another agency.
- 6.4(5)** Apply to grantees, including local governments or subdivisions thereof, administering state-funded programs unless otherwise provided by law or agreement.
- 6.4(6)** Make available records compiled by the commission in reasonable anticipation of court litigation or formal administrative proceedings. The availability of such records to the general public or to any individual or party subject to such litigation or proceedings is governed by applicable legal and constitutional principles, statutes, rules of discovery, evidentiary privileges, and applicable rules of the commission.

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CHAPTER 7
WAIVERS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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283—7.1(17A) Definitions. For purposes of this chapter:

“*Commission*” means the college student aid commission.

“*Waiver*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(5).

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.2(17A) General. The commission may grant a waiver of any administrative rule if the waiver is consistent with Iowa Code section 17A.9A.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.3(17A) Criteria for waiver. In response to a petition filed pursuant to this chapter, the commission may in its sole discretion issue an order waiving in whole or in part the requirements of a rule if the commission finds, based on clear and convincing evidence, that all of the factors listed in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(2) apply.

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283—7.4(17A) Filing of petition. All petitions for waiver are submitted in writing to the Executive Director, College Student Aid Commission, Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146. If the petition relates to a pending contested case, the petition is filed in the contested case proceeding using the caption of the contested case.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.5(17A) Content of petition. A petition for waiver includes the following information where applicable and known to the requester:

7.5(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person for whom a waiver is being requested, and the case number of any related contested case.

7.5(2) A description and citation of the specific rule from which a waiver is requested.

7.5(3) The specific waiver requested, including the precise scope and duration.

7.5(4) The relevant facts that the petitioner believes would justify a waiver under the criteria described in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(2). This statement includes a signed statement from the petitioner attesting to the accuracy of the facts provided in the petition and a statement of reasons that the petitioner believes will justify a waiver.

7.5(5) A history of any prior contacts between the commission and the petitioner relating to the commission’s programs, contracts, allocations, loans, grants or other activities in which the petitioner has participated or from which the petitioner has received a benefit that are affected by the proposed waiver, including a description of each affected item held by the requester and any notices of violation or noncompliance, contested case hearings, or investigative reports relating to the item within the last five years.

7.5(6) A detailed statement of the impact on student achievement for any person affected by the granting of a waiver.

7.5(7) Any information known to the requester regarding the commission’s treatment of similar cases.

7.5(8) The name, address, and telephone number of any person or entity that would be adversely affected by the granting of a petition.

7.5(9) The name, address, and telephone number of any person with knowledge of the relevant facts relating to the proposed waiver.

7.5(10) Signed releases of information authorizing persons with knowledge regarding the request to furnish the commission with information relevant to the waiver.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.6(17A) Additional information. Prior to issuing an order granting or denying a waiver, the executive director may request additional information from the petitioner relative to the petition and surrounding circumstances. If the petition was not filed in a contested case, the commission or its executive director may, on its own motion or at the petitioner's request, schedule a telephonic or in-person meeting between the petitioner and the commission's executive director, a committee of the commission's staff, or a quorum or committee of the commission's board to consider the petition for waiver.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.7(17A) Notice. The commission will acknowledge a petition upon receipt and ensure that, within 30 days of the receipt of the petition, notice of the pendency of the petition and a concise summary of its contents have been provided to all persons to whom notice is necessary by any provision of law. In addition, the commission may give notice to other persons. To accomplish this notice provision, the commission may require the petitioner to serve the notice on all persons to whom notice is required by any provision of law and provide a written statement to the commission attesting that notice has been provided.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.8(17A) Hearing procedures. The provisions of Iowa Code sections 17A.10 through 17A.18A regarding contested case hearings apply in three situations:

7.8(1) To any petition for a waiver filed within a contested case,

7.8(2) When provided by rule or order, or

7.8(3) When required to do so by statute.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.9(17A) Ruling. An order granting or denying a waiver will be in writing and will contain a reference to the particular person and rule or portion thereof to which the order pertains, a statement of the relevant facts and reasons upon which the action is based, and a description of the precise scope and operative period of any waiver issued.

7.9(1) General. The final decision on whether the circumstances justify the granting of a waiver is in the sole discretion of the commission, based on the unique, individual circumstances set out in the petition.

7.9(2) Compliance with Iowa Code standards. The commission applies the standards and burdens in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(3).

7.9(3) Administrative deadlines. When the rule from which a waiver is sought establishes administrative deadlines, the commission will balance the special individual circumstances of the petitioner with the overall goal of uniform treatment of all similarly situated persons.

7.9(4) Narrowly tailored exception. A waiver, if granted, shall provide the narrowest exception possible to the provisions of a rule.

7.9(5) Time period of waiver. A waiver shall not be permanent unless the petitioner can show that a temporary waiver would be impracticable. If a temporary waiver is granted, there is no automatic right to renewal. At the sole discretion of the commission, a waiver may be renewed if the commission finds that grounds for a waiver continue to exist.

7.9(6) Time for ruling. The commission will grant or deny a petition for a waiver as soon as practicable but, in any event, within 120 days of its receipt unless the petitioner agrees to a later date. However, if a petition is filed in a contested case, the commission will grant or deny the petition no later than the time at which the final decision in that contested case is issued. Failure of the commission to grant or deny a petition within the required time period is deemed a denial of that petition by the commission. However, the commission remains responsible for issuing an order denying a waiver.

7.9(7) Service of order. Within seven days of its issuance, any order issued under this chapter is to be transmitted to the petitioner or the person to whom the order pertains, and to any other person entitled to such notice by any provision of law.

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.10(17A) Public availability. The commission will comply with the public availability and filing procedures of Iowa Code section 17A.9A(4).

[ARC 0045D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—7.11(17A) After issuance of a waiver.

7.11(1) Cancellation. A waiver issued pursuant to this chapter may be withdrawn, canceled or modified if, after appropriate notice and hearing, the commission issues an order finding any of the following:

- a. The petitioner or the person who was the subject of the waiver order withheld or misrepresented material facts relevant to the propriety or desirability of the waiver; or
- b. The alternative means for ensuring that public health, safety and welfare will be adequately protected after issuance of the waiver order have been demonstrated to be insufficient; or
- c. The subject of the waiver order has failed to comply with all conditions contained in the order.

7.11(2) Violations. A violation of conditions in the waiver approval is the equivalent of a violation of the particular rule for which the waiver is granted. As a result, the recipient of a waiver under this chapter who violates a condition of the waiver may be subject to the same remedies or penalties as a person who violates the rule at issue.

7.11(3) Defense. After the commission issues an order granting a waiver, the order is a defense within its terms and the specific facts indicated therein for the person to whom the order pertains in any proceeding in which the rule in question is sought to be invoked.

7.11(4) Judicial review. Judicial review of the commission's decision to grant or deny a waiver petition may be taken in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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CHAPTER 8
ALL IOWA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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283—8.1(256) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the all Iowa opportunity scholarship program is based on the financial metric and financial need of Iowa residents enrolled at eligible institutions.

[ARC 8171C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—8.2(256) Definitions. Additional terms not defined in this chapter are defined in Iowa Code section 256.212.

“Eligible foster care student” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.212(1).

“Eligible surviving-child student” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.212(1).

“Financial metric” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Financial need” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Full-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Iowa resident” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Part-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Program of study” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Satisfactory academic progress” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

[ARC 8171C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—8.3(256) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who enrolls at least part-time in a program of study at an eligible institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria and the following provisions:

8.3(1) Begins attendance in a program of study at an eligible institution within two academic years of graduation from an Iowa high school, completion of an Iowa home school program, or receipt of a high school equivalency diploma under Iowa Code chapter 259A and continuously receives the scholarship during the fall and spring semester, or the equivalent; or is an eligible foster care student.

8.3(2) Completes the applications the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission, establishes financial need, has a financial metric at or below the average undergraduate tuition and fee rate for regent university students in the academic year prior to the year for which awards are being made, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

[ARC 8171C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—8.4(256) Awarding of funds.

8.4(1) *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

8.4(2) *Maximum award and extent of award.* Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of eight full-time awards.

a. The maximum award for full-time students will be the lesser of:

(1) The student’s financial need, or

(2) One-half of the average tuition and mandatory fees for Iowa resident regent university students in the year prior to the academic year in which awards are being made.

b. The maximum award for a full-time student will not be affected by the ranking system used to prioritize grants. A part-time student will receive a prorated award, as defined by the commission, which is calculated by dividing the number of hours for which the student is enrolled by the required number of hours for full-time enrollment and multiplying the quotient by the maximum award.

8.4(3) *Priority for awards among eligible applicants.* Awards will be made in the order of the following priority categories. If all eligible applicants within a priority category cannot be funded, awards will be made to eligible applicants with the lowest financial metrics. If all eligible applicants with a given financial metric cannot be funded, those eligible applicants will be ranked according to the date the Free Application for Federal Student Aid was completed.

- a. All new and renewal eligible foster care students will receive first priority for funding.
- b. All new and renewal eligible surviving-child students will receive second priority for funding.
- c. All eligible renewal applicants not awarded in paragraphs 8.4(3) “a” and “b” will receive third priority for funding.
- d. If funding remains after all eligible foster care students, eligible surviving-child students, and renewal students have been awarded, fourth priority will be given to students who participated in federal TRIO programs, participated in alternative programs in high school, or graduated from alternative high schools.
- e. If funding remains after each of the previous priority categories has been awarded, fifth priority will be given to students who participated in federal GEAR UP programs.
- f. If funding is available, funding will be awarded to remaining eligible applicants.

8.4(4) Awarding process.

- a. The commission will verify the eligibility and priority category of eligible applicants.
- b. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide eligible institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.
- c. The commission will notify recipients and eligible institutions of the awards. Eligible institutions will notify the student of the award amount and the state program from which funding is being provided and will state that the award is contingent on the availability of state funds.
- d. Eligible institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover items included in the cost of attendance, as defined in Title IV, Part B, of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as of July 1, 2023.
- e. Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment or financial situation and promptly report those changes to the commission.
- f. Eligible institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.
- g. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.212 and this rule.

[ARC 8171C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—8.5(256) Exceptions. Individuals may delay the initial period of participation in the program in subrule 8.3(1) for an additional two years or suspend participation for up to two years due to military deployment; due to a temporary medical incapacity; in relation to the declaration of a national or state emergency; due to service in AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to America, or the federal Peace Corps; due to a period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or due to other exceptional circumstances approved by the commission. The individual must complete an application for award deferral or suspension. The application for award deferral or suspension will be provided by the eligible institution upon request. If the application is approved, the recipient is not required to continuously receive the scholarship during the period covered.

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CHAPTER 9
ALL IOWA OPPORTUNITY FOSTER CARE GRANT PROGRAM
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CHAPTER 10
UNIFORM POLICIES

Chapter rescission date pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7: 3/11/31

283—10.1(256) Purpose. This chapter describes uniform definitions and policies that apply to programs administered by the college student aid commission.

[ARC 0046D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—10.2(256) Definitions.

“Financial metric” is the means by which the commission ranks the relative financial need of an applicant for financial assistance. The calculated financial metric shall be evaluated annually on the basis of a confidential statement of family finances filed on a form designated by the commission. The commission has adopted the use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a federal form developed by the U.S. Department of Education, which is used to determine the financial metric. Relative need will be ranked based on the applicant’s financial metric provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The FAFSA must be received by the processing agent by the date specified by the commission. A negative financial metric is the equivalent of zero.

“Financial need” is the difference between the applicant’s cost of attendance, as defined in Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as of July 1, 2025, and the applicant’s financial metric and other available financial assistance at the eligible institution.

“Full-time” means enrollment in at least 12 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, that are part of a program of study. Credits that a student receives through “life experience credit” and “credit by examination” are not eligible for funding. Only coursework required for the student’s eligible program of study can be used to determine enrollment status for state award calculations.

“Iowa resident” means a person who:

1. If attending an Iowa regent university, Iowa private college or university, or Iowa barber or cosmetology college, meets the criteria used by the state board of regents to determine residency for tuition purposes as described in rule 681—1.4(262) and, if the person qualifies for residency only as described in 681—paragraph 1.4(2) “b,” meets the following additional criteria:

- Is a veteran or qualifying military person domiciled in the state of Iowa who is not dependent upon a parent for financial support;

- Is a dependent veteran or qualifying military person whose parent is domiciled in the state of Iowa;

or

- Is the spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child of a veteran or qualifying military person who is domiciled in the state of Iowa; or

2. If attending an Iowa community college, meets the criteria defined by the Iowa department of education to determine residency for community college tuition purposes as defined in 281—subrule 21.2(11) and, if the person qualifies for residency only as described in 281—subparagraph 21.2(11) “b”(5), meets the following additional criteria:

- Is a veteran of uniformed service or a national guard member domiciled in the state of Iowa who is not dependent upon a parent for financial support;

- Is a dependent veteran of uniformed service or a national guard member whose parent is domiciled in the state of Iowa; or

- Is the spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child of a veteran of uniformed service or a national guard member who is domiciled in the state of Iowa.

“Part-time” means enrollment that includes 3 to 11 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, that are part of a program of study. Credits that a student receives through “life experience credit” and “credit by examination” are not eligible for funding. Only coursework required for the student’s eligible program of study can be used to determine enrollment status for state award calculations.

“Program of study” means a course of study that is eligible for federal student aid programs and leads to a teaching license or an undergraduate diploma, certificate, or degree.

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” is determined by the eligible institution, the standards of which meet the criteria for participation in federal student aid programs and are published on the eligible institution’s website.

[ARC 0046D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—10.3(256) Policies. A student who is in default on a Stafford Loan, SLS Loan, PLUS Loan, or Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for assistance under the program. The student regains eligibility under this rule by providing documentation to the eligible institution that the student has regained eligibility under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as of July 1, 2025.

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CHAPTER 11
IOWA TUITION GRANT PROGRAM—FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS

Chapter rescission date pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7: 9/11/29

283—11.1(256) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the for-profit Iowa tuition grant program is tuition-restricted and is also based on the financial metric and financial need of Iowa residents enrolled at for-profit eligible institutions.

[ARC 8172C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—11.2(256) Definitions.

“Eligible institution” means a for-profit private institution that meets the criteria in Iowa Code section 256.183(3) and rule 283—11.5(256).

“Financial metric” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Financial need” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Full-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Iowa resident” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Located in Iowa” means a postsecondary for-profit institution that has made a substantial investment in a permanent Iowa campus and staff and that offers a full range of courses leading to the credentials offered by the institution as well as a full range of student services.

“Part-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Program of study” means a sequence of educational courses that prepares the student for licensure as a barber or a cosmetology arts and sciences program of study that prepares the student for licensure in the state of Iowa as provided in Iowa Code chapter 157.

“Satisfactory academic progress” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

[ARC 8172C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—11.3(256) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled at least part-time in a program of study at an eligible institution, meets the award eligibility criteria, and meets the following provisions:

1. Completes the applications the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.
2. Establishes financial need, has an eligible financial metric, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

[ARC 8172C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—11.4(256) Awarding of funds.

11.4(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

11.4(2) Maximum award and extent of award. Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of four full-time awards.

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

(1) \$3,000 per semester, or the equivalent, during the fall, spring and summer semesters.

(2) The award established by the commission that allows all eligible applicants to receive an award.

b. When awarded in combination with other tuition-restricted funds, the total amount of tuition-restricted funding including an Iowa tuition grant cannot exceed the total tuition and mandatory fees charged to the recipient.

c. A part-time student will receive a prorated award, as defined by the commission, which is calculated by dividing the number of hours for which the student is enrolled by the required number of hours for full-time enrollment and multiplying the quotient by the maximum award.

11.4(3) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

- b. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide eligible institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.
- c. Eligible 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. Eligible institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover tuition and mandatory fees.
- e. Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment or financial situation, and promptly report those changes to the commission.
- f. Eligible institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

[ARC 8172C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—11.5(256) Institution eligibility.

11.5(1) *Application.* An eligible institution that is located in Iowa may request participation in the Iowa tuition grant program using the commission's designated application. The institution will meet the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.183(3) at the time the application is submitted.

11.5(2) *Deadline to apply.* Eligible institutions seeking to participate in the Iowa tuition grant program will submit applications on or before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

11.5(3) *Ongoing eligibility.* An eligible institution that is participating in the Iowa tuition grant program will immediately notify the commission if its national accreditation is lost or if it will fail to meet the necessary institutional match. Failure to meet any provision in Iowa Code section 256.183(3), Iowa Code section 256.191, or this rule may result in the immediate cessation of the institution's participation in the Iowa tuition grant and in the institution's returning Iowa tuition grant funds to the commission.

11.5(4) *Compliance audits.* The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.183(3), Iowa Code section 256.191, and this rule.

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CHAPTER 12
IOWA TUITION GRANT PROGRAM
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283—12.1(256) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the Iowa tuition grant program is tuition-restricted and is also based on the financial metric and financial need of Iowa residents enrolled at an accredited private institution.

[ARC 8407C, IAB 11/27/24, effective 1/1/25]

283—12.2(256) Definitions.

“Accredited private institution” means a not-for-profit private institution that meets the criteria in Iowa Code section 256.183 and rule 283—12.5(256).

“Financial metric” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Financial need” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Full-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Iowa resident” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Located in Iowa” means a college or university is accredited by a federally recognized accreditor of postsecondary educational institutions, has made a substantial investment in a permanent Iowa campus and staff, and offers a full range of courses leading to the degrees offered by the institution as well as a full range of student services.

“Part-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Program of study” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256), except that the program of study must lead to an undergraduate degree or an initial teaching license in Iowa.

“Satisfactory academic progress” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

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283—12.3(256) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident enrolled at least part-time in a program of study at an accredited private institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria and the following provisions:

12.3(1) Completes the applications the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.

12.3(2) Establishes financial need, has an eligible financial metric, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

[ARC 8407C, IAB 11/27/24, effective 1/1/25]

283—12.4(256) Awarding of funds.

12.4(1) *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

12.4(2) *Maximum award and extent of award.* Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of eight full-time awards.

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

(1) The difference between the tuition and mandatory fees charged by the accredited private institution less the average undergraduate tuition and fees charged by the state universities under the Iowa board of regents;

(2) The average undergraduate tuition and fees charged by the state universities under the Iowa board of regents; and

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

b. When awarded in combination with other tuition-restricted funds, the total amount of tuition-restricted funding, including an Iowa tuition grant, cannot exceed the total tuition and mandatory fees charged to the recipient.

c. A part-time student will receive a prorated award, as defined by the commission, that is calculated by dividing the number of hours for which the student is enrolled by the required number of hours for full-time enrollment and multiplying the quotient by the maximum award.

d. Awards will be provided during the fall and spring semesters of enrollment, or the equivalent. Awards may be provided during the summer semester to the extent that funding allows. Eligible applicants who are enrolled in commission-approved accelerated programs that incorporate summer attendance may receive summer Iowa tuition grants if the eligible applicant meets the accelerated progression thresholds established by the commission without exhausting grant eligibility prior to degree completion. Accelerated programs must allow students to complete four-year baccalaureate programs in less than the normal prescribed time frame while taking the same courses as students completing the same degree during a traditional four-year period.

12.4(3) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating accredited private institutions annually to authorize awarding.

b. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide accredited private institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

c. Accredited private 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. Accredited private institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

e. Accredited private institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Accredited private institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment or financial situation and promptly report those changes to the commission.

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

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283—12.5(256) Accredited private institution eligibility.

12.5(1) Application. An accredited private institution that is located in Iowa may request participation in the Iowa tuition grant program using the commission's designated application. The institution will meet the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.183 at the time the application is submitted.

12.5(2) Deadline to apply. An accredited private institution seeking to participate in the Iowa tuition grant program will submit an application on or before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which the accredited institution is applying for participation.

12.5(3) Ongoing eligibility. An accredited private institution that is participating in the Iowa tuition grant program will immediately notify the commission if its federally recognized accreditation as a postsecondary educational institution or 501(c)(3) status is lost, or if the accredited private institution will fail to meet the necessary institutional match. Failure to meet any provision in Iowa Code sections 256.183 through 256.190 or this rule may result in the immediate cessation of the institution's participation in the Iowa tuition grant and in the institution returning Iowa tuition grant funds to the commission.

12.5(4) Compliance audits. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of accredited private institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code sections 256.183 through 256.190 and this rule.

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CHAPTER 13
IOWA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

[Prior to 8/10/88, see College Aid Commission, 245—Ch 5]

Chapter rescission date pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7: 9/11/29

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.

[ARC 8173C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—13.2(256) Definitions.

“*Financial metric*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Financial need*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Full-time*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Iowa resident*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Part-time*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Program of study*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

[ARC 8173C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

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; meets the award eligibility criteria; and meets the following provisions:

1. Completes the applications the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.

2. Establishes financial need, has an eligible financial metric, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

[ARC 8173C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—13.4(256) Awarding of funds.

13.4(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

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,

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

b. When awarded in combination with other tuition-restricted funds, the total amount of tuition-restricted funding including an Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant cannot exceed the total tuition and mandatory fees charged to the recipient.

c. A part-time student will receive a prorated award, as defined by the commission, which is calculated by dividing the number of hours for which the student is enrolled by the required number of hours for full-time enrollment and multiplying the quotient by the maximum award.

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 with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

c. Iowa community colleges 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 will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

e. Iowa community colleges will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Iowa community colleges 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 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 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 with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.192 and this rule.

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CHAPTER 14
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
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CHAPTER 15
FUTURE READY IOWA SKILLED WORKFORCE
LAST-DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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283—15.1(256) Basis for aid. Assistance under the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program is available for Iowa residents enrolled in approved programs aligned with high-demand jobs.

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283—15.2(256) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Approved program*” means an eligible program of study approved through the process described in rule 283—15.6(256).

“*Continuous enrollment*” means that an eligible student is enrolled at least part-time in successive fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, after receiving the award. Enrollment in the summer semester is not required to meet this condition.

“*Credential*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.228(1) “d.”

“*Eligible institution*” means an institution that meets the criteria in Iowa Code section 256.228(1) “e” and the provisions of rule 283—15.7(256).

“*Financial metric*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(261).

“*Full-time*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(261).

“*Iowa resident*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(261).

“*Part-time*” means enrollment in at least 6 but fewer than 12 hours per semester or the equivalent. An eligible student may enroll in fewer than six semester hours, or the equivalent, in the semester that the credential will be completed if part-time enrollment is not necessary to complete the program of study.

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(261).

“*Semester*” means the fall, spring, or summer term of enrollment at an eligible institution, if the eligible institution is on a semester system, or the equivalent, if the institution is on a system other than a semester system.

[ARC 9583C, IAB 10/1/25, effective 11/5/25]

283—15.3(256) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled at least part-time in an approved program at an eligible institution and who meets the program eligibility criteria and the following provisions:

15.3(1) Annually completes the applications that the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission, attends orientation, registers for classes with an academic advisor, and participates in career advising sessions.

15.3(2) Has an eligible financial metric in the first year the scholarship is received, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

15.3(3) Maintains continuous enrollment.

15.3(4) Meets one of the following two conditions:

a. Is under age 20 as of July 1 prior to the year of enrollment and enrolls at least part-time following graduation from an Iowa high school, completion of private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, or receipt of a high school equivalency diploma under Iowa Code chapter 259A.

b. Following receipt of a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma, enrolls at least part-time in an approved program at an eligible institution after attaining the age of 20 as of July 1 prior to the year of enrollment. To receive an award under this condition, the eligible applicant cannot have received an award under paragraph 15.3(4) “a.”

[ARC 9583C, IAB 10/1/25, effective 11/5/25]

283—15.4(256) Awarding of funds.

15.4(1) *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

15.4(2) *Extent of award and maximum award.* Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of eight part-time awards. The maximum award will be calculated as follows:

a. Awards for eligible students attending Iowa community colleges shall not exceed the remaining tuition and mandatory institutionwide fees after applying federal and state nonrepayable aid.

b. Awards for eligible students attending an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 256.183 shall not exceed the average tuition and mandatory institutionwide fees at Iowa community colleges after applying federal and state nonrepayable aid. The average resident tuition and mandatory institutionwide fees will be used under this provision.

c. Awards for eligible students enrolled on a full-time basis shall be at least \$250 per semester or the equivalent amount if the eligible institution operates on a system other than the semester system. Awards for eligible students enrolled on a part-time basis will be prorated by dividing the number of hours for which the student is enrolled by the required number of hours for full-time enrollment and multiplying the quotient by the maximum award.

d. Tuition and institutionwide mandatory fees associated only with coursework required for the student's Title IV-eligible program of study can be used to determine the award amount.

15.4(3) *Priority for awards.*

a. In the event that the funds available are insufficient to provide maximum awards to all eligible applicants through the entire state fiscal year, awards will first be authorized to eligible applicants enrolled in the fall and spring semester or the equivalent and then to eligible applicants enrolled in the summer semester or the equivalent.

b. In the event that funds available are insufficient to provide the maximum award to all eligible applicants in a semester, the commission may prorate awards to students in that semester.

15.4(4) *Awarding process.*

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

b. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide eligible institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

c. Eligible 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. Eligible institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts.

e. Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible 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. Eligible institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

g. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.228 and this rule.

[ARC 9583C, IAB 10/1/25, effective 11/5/25]

283—15.5(256) Exceptions. If an eligible applicant discontinues enrollment at the eligible institution due to military deployment, due to a temporary medical incapacity, in relation to a declaration of a national or state emergency, or due to other exceptional circumstances approved by the commission, the eligible applicant may apply for a waiver. If the waiver is approved, the eligible applicant is not required to maintain continuous enrollment during the period covered by the waiver.

[ARC 9583C, IAB 10/1/25, effective 11/5/25]

283—15.6(256) Determination of programs of study aligned with high-demand jobs.

15.6(1) *Statewide high-demand jobs.* The commission will utilize the department of workforce development's most recent list of statewide high-demand jobs pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14) and align those jobs to eligible programs of study.

15.6(2) *Regional high-demand jobs.* The commission will request submissions of regional high-demand jobs that align with eligible programs of study from each Iowa community college. Each Iowa community college may request up to five regional high-demand jobs to be considered for approval for students at that Iowa community college.

15.6(3) *Eligible programs of study.* The eligible institution will offer a career and technical education program of study that results in a credential that is aligned with employment in a high-demand job. The eligible program of study will meet similar criteria established for career and technical education programs approved under 281—Chapter 21. The classification of the instructional program code and the standard occupation code will be used to align eligible programs of study to high-demand jobs.

15.6(4) *Approved program.* Before an eligible program of study is considered an approved program of study, the department of workforce development and the commission, in consultation with the department of education, will jointly certify that the program of study and credential are aligned with a high-demand job pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14).

15.6(5) *Grandfather clause.* If the state workforce development board or a community college district removes a high-demand job from the approved list, an eligible applicant who received an award in a program of study aligned with that high-demand job will continue to receive the award as long as the eligible applicant continues to meet all other eligibility criteria.

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283—15.7(256) Institution eligibility requirements.

15.7(1) *Application process.* An institution requesting to participate in the program may apply to the commission using the commission's designated application. An applicant institution will provide the commission with documentation establishing its eligibility as an eligible institution that offers eligible programs of study. Applicant institutions will submit the application and documentation establishing their eligibility on or before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

15.7(2) *Public information.* A list of all eligible programs of study, as well as the necessary courses and the suggested course sequence, will be available in a prominent location on the eligible institution's website.

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CHAPTER 16
FUTURE READY IOWA SKILLED WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM

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283—16.1(261) Basis for aid. Assistance available under the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program is for Iowa residents who are aged 25 or older and are enrolled in approved programs aligned with high-demand jobs.

[ARC 7130C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 11/17/23]

283—16.2(261) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Approved program” means an eligible program of study as defined in 283—Chapter 10 that is approved through the process described in 283—16.6(261).

“Continuous enrollment” means an eligible student is enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in successive fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, after receiving the award. Enrollment in the summer semester is not required to meet this condition.

“Eligible institution” meets the criteria in Iowa Code section 261.132 and the provisions of 283—16.7(261).

“Full-time” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(261).

“Iowa resident” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(261).

“Part-time” means enrollment in at least 6 but less than 12 hours per semester, or the equivalent. An eligible student may enroll in fewer than six semester hours, or the equivalent, in the semester that the credential will be completed if part-time enrollment is not required to complete the program of study.

“Satisfactory academic progress” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(261).

“Semester” means the fall, spring, or summer term of enrollment at an eligible institution, if the eligible institution is on a semester system, or the equivalent, if the institution is on a system other than a semester system.

[ARC 7130C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 11/17/23]

283—16.3(261) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled full-time or part-time in an approved program at an eligible institution and who meets the following provisions:

1. Annually completes the applications the college student aid commission (commission) deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission and attends orientation, registers for classes with an academic advisor, and participates in career advising sessions.
2. Meets satisfactory academic progress standards, does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1), and upon receipt of the grant, maintains continuous full-time or part-time enrollment during successive fall and spring semesters.
3. Is aged 25 or older as of July 1 prior to the year of enrollment.

[ARC 7130C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 11/17/23]

283—16.4(261) Awarding of funds.

16.4(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

16.4(2) Extent of award and maximum award. Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of four full-time awards. The maximum award will be established annually by the commission but will not be less than \$1,000 for a full-time student over the course of the fall and spring semesters.

16.4(3) Priority for awards. In the event that funds available are insufficient to provide maximum awards to all eligible applicants, awards are prioritized in the following order:

- a. Eligible applicants who received the grant in the prior state fiscal year, by application date.
- b. Eligible applicants who did not receive the grant in the prior state fiscal year, by application date.

16.4(4) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

b. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide eligible institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

c. Eligible 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. Eligible institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover items included in the cost of attendance, as defined in Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as of July 1, 2023.

e. Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible 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. Eligible institutions will complete necessary verification and coordinate other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

g. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 261.132 and this rule.

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283—16.5(261) Exceptions. If an eligible applicant discontinues enrollment at the eligible institution due to military deployment, a temporary medical incapacity, in relation to a declaration of a national or state emergency, or other exceptional circumstances approved by the commission, the eligible applicant may apply for a waiver. If the waiver is approved, the eligible applicant is not required to maintain continuous enrollment during the period covered by the waiver.

[ARC 7130C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 11/17/23]

283—16.6(261) Determination of programs of study aligned with high-demand jobs.

16.6(1) High-demand jobs. The commission will utilize the department of workforce development's most recent list of statewide high-demand jobs pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14) and align those jobs to eligible programs of study.

16.6(2) Eligible programs of study. The eligible institution will offer a baccalaureate degree that is aligned with a high-demand job. The classification of instructional program code and the standard occupation code will be used to align eligible programs of study to high-demand jobs.

16.6(3) Designation. Eligible institutions will designate the eligible programs of study offered in the corresponding academic year.

16.6(4) Approved program. Before an eligible program of study is considered an approved program of study, the department of workforce development and the commission will jointly certify that the program of study is aligned with a high-demand job pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14).

16.6(5) Grandfather clause. If the state workforce development board removes a high-demand job from a list created pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14), an eligible applicant who received an award in a program of study aligned with that high-demand job will continue to receive the award as long as the eligible applicant continues to meet all other eligibility criteria.

[ARC 7130C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 11/17/23]

283—16.7(261) Institution eligibility requirements.

16.7(1) Application process. An institution requesting to participate in the program may apply to the commission using the commission's designated application. An applicant institution will provide the commission with documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility as an eligible institution that offers eligible programs of study. Applicant institutions will submit the application and documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which the applicant institution is applying for participation.

16.7(2) Public information. A list of all eligible programs of study, as well as the necessary courses and the suggested course sequence, will be available in a prominent location on the eligible institution's website.

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CHAPTER 17
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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283—17.1(256) Definitions.

“Award” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.222. The applicant will select the award type on the initial application and may change that choice if a request is provided to the commission in writing.

“Eligible applicant” means an individual who is an eligible health care professional or agrees to become an eligible health care professional, agrees to sign a program agreement, has not received an award under Iowa Code section 256.222(4) and agrees to complete the obligation. The eligible applicant completes applications on or before the date established by the commission.

1. The program agreement specifies the obligation and other details pertaining to the program.
2. The obligation is fulfilled by serving clients in eligible practice areas on a full-time basis for five consecutive years or on a part-time basis for seven consecutive years. Progression toward completion of the obligation is verified annually.

“Eligible health care professional” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.222. The eligible health care professional must be licensed or board-certified to practice as an eligible health care professional before the obligation begins.

“Eligible practice area” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.222. After an eligible applicant signs an agreement to practice in an eligible practice area, subsequent changes to eligible practice areas will not impact that applicant’s continued eligibility for the program.

“Part-time” means an average of at least 30 hours, but fewer than 40 hours, per week.

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283—17.2(256) Awarding of funds.

17.2(1) Award designations. The commission will establish the number of awards and maximum award amounts for each eligible health care profession prior to the fiscal year in which applications will be accepted and awards obligated.

17.2(2) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award. Awards will be prioritized within each eligible health care profession according to subrule 17.2(3).

17.2(3) Priority for awards. If funding is insufficient to award all eligible applicants, new awards will be made to eligible applicants in order of the following priority categories:

- a. Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or of a clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a full-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

- b. Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a full-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

- c. Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a part-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

- d. Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a part-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

17.2(4) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria, the anticipated number of awards to be made in each eligible health care profession, the maximum award amount in each eligible health care profession and the application process annually.

b. The commission will collect applications, designate eligible applicants for awards and notify applicants of their eligibility.

c. The commission will track eligible applicants selected to receive awards through completion of their obligation. An obligation is satisfied if completed according to the criteria in Iowa Code section 256.222 and this rule.

d. Upon verifying completion of the obligation with the eligible health care professional's employer on an annual basis, the commission will pay the annual award.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.222.

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CHAPTER 18
IOWA WORK-STUDY PROGRAM
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283—18.1(256) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the Iowa work-study program is based on the financial need of Iowa residents enrolled at eligible postsecondary education institutions.
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283—18.2(256) Definitions.

“*Eligible postsecondary education institution*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.207 and described in rule 283—18.6(256).

“*Financial metric*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Financial need*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Full-time*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Iowa resident*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Part-time*” means enrollment in at least 6 but fewer than 12 hours per semester or the equivalent.

“*Program of study*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

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283—18.3(256) Administrative procedures.

18.3(1) Alignment with federal work-study regulations. To facilitate efficient administration, the commission hereby adopts the federal work-study regulations found at 34 CFR Part 675, Subpart A, as of July 1, 2024. Provisions of the federal regulations adopted include:

- a. Selection of students for employment (34 CFR §675.10),
- b. Payments to students (34 CFR §675.16),
- c. Fiscal procedures and records (34 CFR §675.19),
- d. General employment conditions for institutional employment, including civil rights requirements, state worker compensation laws, and social security requirements (34 CFR §675.20(c) and (d)),
- e. Institutional employment (34 CFR §675.21), and
- f. Wage administration (34 CFR §675.24).

18.3(2) No transfer of funds. An eligible postsecondary education institution must administer state-funded work-study funds for Iowa residents in the same manner as the institution administers its federal work-study program, except that state funds cannot be transferred to other student aid programs or across state fiscal years.

18.3(3) Employment restrictions. The creation of work-study opportunities will not result in the displacement of employed workers or impair or affect existing contracts for services, and the funding used by an eligible postsecondary education institution will supplement and not supplant jobs and existing financial aid programs provided to students.

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283—18.4(256) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled full-time or part-time in a program of study at an eligible postsecondary education institution, is employed at an eligible postsecondary education institution, and meets the program eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.208 and the following provisions:

18.4(1) Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and any other application the eligible postsecondary education institution deems necessary on or before the date established by the eligible postsecondary education institution.

18.4(2) Establishes financial need, has an eligible financial metric, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

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283—18.5(256) Awarding of funds.

18.5(1) Selection criteria. Eligible postsecondary education institutions will document the consistent processes by which they select eligible applicants to receive awards.

18.5(2) Maximum award. The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the student's financial need.

18.5(3) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria, distribute funding allocations, and request acceptance of the funding allocation from each eligible postsecondary education institution annually. Eligible postsecondary education institutions will accept or decline the funding allocation by the deadline established by the commission.

b. Funding allocations that are declined or unspent by the date the commission deems necessary will be reallocated to participating eligible postsecondary education institutions.

c. Eligible postsecondary education 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. Eligible postsecondary education institutions will distribute awards as eligible applicants complete their employment obligations.

e. Eligible postsecondary education institutions will provide information about the awards earned by eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission at the end of each semester or the equivalent. If all allocated funds are not spent by an eligible postsecondary education institution by the end of the year, those unspent funds may be deducted from the eligible postsecondary education institution's subsequent allocation.

f. Eligible postsecondary education institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility criteria and allowable award amounts. Eligible postsecondary education institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

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283—18.6(256) Eligible postsecondary education institution eligibility.

18.6(1) Application. A nonparticipating eligible postsecondary education institution will request participation using the commission's designated application. The institution will meet the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.207 at the time the application is submitted.

18.6(2) Deadline to apply. Nonparticipating eligible postsecondary education institutions seeking to participate in the Iowa work-study program will submit applications on or before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which the nonparticipating eligible postsecondary education institutions are applying for participation.

18.6(3) Compliance audits. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible postsecondary education institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code chapter 256 and this rule. If the commission finds that an eligible postsecondary education institution fails to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code sections 256.206 through 256.209 or this rule, participation in the Iowa work-study program may be suspended.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 256.206 through 256.209.

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CHAPTER 19
COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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283—19.1(261) Basis for aid. Assistance available under the court reporter equipment grant program is for students who are enrolled in a court reporter program at an eligible college or university.

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283—19.2(261) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Approved program*” means a court reporter program that meets the definition of an eligible program of study in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Eligible institution*” means a community college established under Iowa Code chapter 260C, an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, or an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 256.183.

“*Iowa resident*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Semester*” means the fall, spring, or summer term of enrollment at an eligible institution, if the eligible institution is on a semester system, or the equivalent, if the institution is on a system other than a semester system.

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283—19.3(261) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is enrolled in an approved program at an eligible institution and completes the applications the college student aid commission (commission) deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.

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283—19.4(261) Awarding of funds.

19.4(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

19.4(2) Extent of award and maximum award. The maximum award will be established annually by the commission but will not exceed \$2,000 annually.

19.4(3) Priority for awards. In the event that funds available are insufficient to provide maximum awards to all eligible applicants, awards are prioritized in the following order:

a. Eligible applicants who are Iowa residents, are in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

b. Eligible applicants who are not Iowa residents, are in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

c. Eligible applicants who are Iowa residents, are not in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

d. Eligible applicants who are not Iowa residents, are not in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

19.4(4) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

b. Eligible institutions will inform students applying for admission to the approved program of the availability of the court reporter equipment grant program.

c. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards.

d. Eligible institutions will verify eligible applicants’ enrollment in the approved program following institutional verification of enrollment.

e. Eligible applicants will submit documentation of their court reporter equipment or software purchase to the commission.

f. The commission will reimburse the eligible applicant for court reporter equipment or software purchases in the amount of the maximum award specified under subrule 19.4(2).

g. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.231 and this rule.

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283—19.5(261) Institutional application process. Following the first year of administration of the court reporter equipment grant program by the commission, an institution requesting to participate in the program will apply to the commission using the commission's designated application. An applicant institution will provide the commission with documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility as an eligible institution that offers an approved program. Applicant institutions will submit the application and documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which the applicant institution is applying for participation.

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CHAPTER 20
IOWA NATIONAL GUARD BENEFITS PROGRAMS

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283—20.1(256) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Educational program*” means a program of study that is approved by the adjutant general and leads to a credential as described in Iowa Code section 256.210A.

“*Eligible institution*” means the same as described in Iowa Code section 256.210(1).

“*Eligible master’s degree program of study*” means a master’s degree program in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related military occupational specialties or air force specialty codes pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.211(1)“a.”

“*Federal active duty*” means military duty performed pursuant to orders issued under Title 10, United States Code (as of July 1, 2024), other than for training.

“*Full-time*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Part-time*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Program of study*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

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283—20.2(256) Iowa national guard service scholarship.

20.2(1) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls full-time or part-time in a program of study at an eligible institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

a. Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard, except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

b. Meets the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.210, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

20.2(2) Awarding of funds.

a. *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

b. *Maximum award and extent of award.* Eligible applicants may receive awards for no more than 120 semester credit hours attributable to the program of study unless the applicants meet the provisions of Iowa Code section 256.210(3)“a”(2).

(1) The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the undergraduate Iowa resident tuition rate at Iowa regent universities or the tuition charged to the eligible applicant, whichever is lower.

(2) All credit hours within a term of enrollment to which a scholarship is applied will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

c. *Awarding process.*

(1) The Iowa national guard will verify the eligibility of eligible applicants. An eligibility decision by the adjutant general is final.

(2) The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide eligible institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

(3) The commission will notify recipients and eligible institutions of the awards. Eligible institutions will notify the student of the award amount, of the state program from which funding is being provided and that the award is contingent on the availability of state funds.

(4) Eligible institutions will apply awards to cover expenses identified in Iowa Code section 256.210(5).

(5) Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment or financial situation and promptly report those changes to the commission.

(6) Eligible institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

(7) The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.210 and this rule.

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283—20.3(256) Iowa national guard master’s degree service scholarship. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code section 256.210(6) for the recruitment or retention of individuals by providing a scholarship award to an eligible member of the Iowa national guard, this chapter will be used to administer authorized scholarships. The adjutant general will select program recipients and authorize scholarship awards under this chapter. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

20.3(1) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls in an eligible master’s degree program of study at an eligible institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

a. Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard, except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

b. Meets the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.211(1)“a” and 256.211(3), meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

20.3(2) Awarding of funds.

a. *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

b. *Maximum award and extent of award.* Eligible applicants may receive awards for no more than 36 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, attributable to the eligible master’s degree program of study.

(1) The maximum award will not exceed the Iowa resident graduate-level tuition rate at Iowa regent universities or the tuition charged to the eligible applicant, whichever is lower.

(2) All credit hours within a term of enrollment to which a scholarship is applied will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

c. *Awarding process.* The college student aid commission adopts the awarding process in paragraph 20.2(2)“c” with the following exception: In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210” in subparagraph 20.2(2)“c”(7), insert “Iowa Code section 256.211”.

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283—20.4(256) Iowa national guard service professional qualification scholarship. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code section 256.210(6) to provide an eligible member of the Iowa national guard who is enrolled in an educational program that meets the criteria of Iowa Code section 256.210A, this rule will be used to administer authorized scholarships. The adjutant general will select program recipients, select educational programs, and authorize scholarship awards under this rule. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

20.4(1) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls in an educational program at an eligible institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

a. Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard, except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

b. Meets the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.210A(2); meets satisfactory academic progress standards; and maintains satisfactory performance of duty upon return from initial active duty training, including attending a minimum of 90 percent of scheduled drill dates and attending annual training.

20.4(2) Awarding of funds.

a. *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

b. Maximum award and extent of award. The adjutant general will determine the amount and extent of awards eligible applicants can receive.

(1) The maximum award will not exceed the maximum award established by the adjutant general or the tuition and testing fees charged to the eligible applicant by the eligible institution, whichever is lower.

(2) Scholarship awards within a term of enrollment will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

c. Awarding process. The commission adopts the awarding process in paragraph 20.2(2) “c” with the following exceptions:

(1) In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210(5)” in subparagraph 20.2(2) “c”(4), insert “paragraph 20.4(2) ‘b’”.

(2) In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210” in subparagraph 20.2(2) “c”(7), insert “Iowa Code section 256.210A”.

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CHAPTER 21
APPROVAL OF POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS

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283—21.1(261B,261G,714) Postsecondary registration, exception to registration, and participation in the commission-approved reciprocity agreement. The college student aid commission authorizes postsecondary schools to operate in Iowa and offer postsecondary programs to Iowans pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 261B and 261G and 34 CFR 600.9 as of July 1, 2025.

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283—21.2(261B,261G) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Interstate reciprocity agreement*” means the agreement the commission has entered into in order to participate in interstate reciprocity under Iowa Code chapter 261G.

“*Postsecondary school*” means an entity that meets any of the following provisions:

1. Meets the conditions in Iowa Code section 261B.2(5) “a” and “c.”
2. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction leading to a credential.

“*Postsecondary school closure*” means a precipitous or abrupt closure of a postsecondary school, Iowa site, or program during a semester, school period, or term of enrollment that leaves students without an option to complete the courses or program they started and with no ability to receive credit.

“*Presence*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 261B.2 and described in Iowa Code section 261B.3(1).

“*State authorization*” means the process by which a postsecondary school must seek the commission’s approval to operate in Iowa or offer a postsecondary course of instruction to Iowans through registration under Iowa Code chapter 261B or an exception to registration under Iowa Code section 261B.11. Postsecondary schools that are approved by the commission to operate in Iowa or offer a postsecondary course of instruction to Iowans shall receive an official written approval notification issued by the commission. This notification shall identify the institution by name as an educational institution.

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283—21.3(261B,261G) State authorization types and requirements.

21.3(1) Registration.

a. Qualifying postsecondary schools. A degree-granting postsecondary school whose operation is primarily outside of the state but that has a presence in Iowa, or an Iowa-originating postsecondary school that does not qualify for an exception under Iowa Code section 261B.11 and that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency, will register with the commission. A postsecondary school that qualifies for an exception from registration may voluntarily submit an application under subrule 21.3(1). In addition, qualifying postsecondary schools that meet the following conditions must register to offer postsecondary education programs to Iowans:

- (1) Provide distance education programs to Iowans in which the student participates in a structured field experience at a location in Iowa that is a required component of the distance education program.
- (2) Compensate a party to recruit Iowans, the recruiter maintains an Iowa address, and the recruitment activities are not solely occasional or short-term events, such as college fairs or conferences.

b. Requirements. Qualifying postsecondary schools must submit information required in Iowa Code sections 256.177(7) and 261B.4 and other information requested by the commission. The commission may require a qualifying postsecondary school to submit a new application if there is a change in ownership or governance or an amendment to an existing application. In addition, a qualifying postsecondary school must:

- (1) Certify to the commission that the qualifying postsecondary school’s approval to operate in a state has not been revoked by the state, the qualifying postsecondary school has not been sanctioned by a state within a year prior to the date of its application, and the qualifying postsecondary school is not under investigation or bound by the terms of a judgment issued by a state’s attorney general or other enforcement

authority. The postsecondary school will immediately notify the commission of any pending or final sanction by an accrediting agency, state entity, state attorney general, or other enforcement authority.

(2) Certify that it is not subject to a limitation, suspension, or termination order issued by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency. The applicant postsecondary school shall provide the commission with a copy of the postsecondary school's current program participation agreement with the United States Department of Education or its successor agency.

(3) Employ at least one full-time Iowa faculty member or one program or student services coordinator at the Iowa location who is devoted to Iowa students if the postsecondary school operates a location or administrative office at a fixed location in Iowa.

(4) Provide the commission with institutional policies adopted by the postsecondary school that comply with the requirements of Iowa Code section 256.183(1) "e" through "h" and "k."

1. For a program in which a student's academic progress is measured only in clock hours, the postsecondary school shall provide a full refund of tuition and mandatory fees to a student who withdraws and who requests that benefit under Iowa Code section 256.183(1) "g" for the payment period in which the student withdrew. The payment period is determined under rules promulgated by the United States Department of Education for the disbursement of federal Stafford loan funds.

2. The employee policy for reporting suspected incidents of child physical or sexual abuse required by Iowa Code section 256.183(1) "h" shall apply to individuals the postsecondary school compensates to conduct activities on the postsecondary school's behalf at an Iowa location.

(5) For a covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F, adopt a code of conduct that complies with Iowa Code section 261F.2.

(6) For a covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F that offers a preferred lender list, the list meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 261F.6.

(7) Provide documentation demonstrating that a program that prepares a student for an occupation that requires professional licensure in Iowa and that the postsecondary school proposes to offer under its registration:

1. Has been approved by the appropriate state of Iowa licensing agency and accrediting agency, if such approval is required, or

2. Meets curriculum standards of the appropriate state of Iowa licensing agency such that the state of Iowa licensing agency does not require the student to complete additional coursework or practicum hours that the postsecondary school did not offer in its professional licensure preparation program.

(8) Have procedures for the preservation of student academic transcripts for a minimum period of 50 years from the point of withdrawal from or completion of the credential and publish contact information to be used by students and graduates who seek to obtain transcript information.

(9) Provide a complaint process for students to file a complaint about the postsecondary school. The postsecondary school must prominently provide on its website the link to the commission's web page for student complaints. The student must complete the postsecondary school's internal complaint or grievance process and receive a decision before filing a complaint with the commission.

(10) Comply with provisions of Iowa Code sections 714.18, 714.19, 714.23, 714.24, and 714.25, if applicable.

(11) Commit to meeting the provisions of rule 283—21.5(261B,261G) and to providing a teach-out plan or providing alternatives for students to complete their programs at other postsecondary schools and ensuring students have continued access to their transcripts if the postsecondary school closes, discontinues a program, or closes an Iowa site before students have completed their program of study.

c. Limitations and denials.

(1) A postsecondary school must meet, to the satisfaction of the commission, all requirements identified in paragraph 21.3(1) "b."

(2) Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.177(7), a nonpublic postsecondary school that is required to register under subrule 21.3(1) must demonstrate that its most recent, official federal financial composite score, as calculated using the method prescribed by the United States Department of Education, is at least 1.0. A postsecondary school that does not participate in the postsecondary student financial aid programs authorized by the United States Department of Education demonstrates that its financial responsibility

composite score is official by providing written confirmation of its composite score from its independent auditor. For postsecondary institutions owned and controlled by another entity, the relevant composite score will be the composite score of the parent entity, as identified by the United States Department of Education. A postsecondary school that fails to demonstrate a federal financial composite score of at least 1.0 for two successive years may be subject to restrictions on new Iowa enrollments, may be required to provide a teach-out plan pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(11), or may be required to secure a letter of credit in an amount equal to 10 percent of the tuition charged to Iowa residents during the most recently completed fiscal year.

(3) The commission may take action that includes but is not limited to limiting a postsecondary school’s program offerings or enrollment or denying or revoking the postsecondary school’s registration as a result of any of the following:

1. An adverse notice, warning, or other sanction issued by the postsecondary school’s accrediting agency.
2. An adverse action or sanction issued by the United States Department of Education.
3. A publicly announced lawsuit filed by a state agency, a state attorney general’s office, or another enforcement authority.
4. A judgment issued by a state attorney general’s office or another enforcement authority.
5. Repeated complaints about a postsecondary school received from the postsecondary school’s students by the commission, by another state, or by a state attorney general’s office.
6. Failure to pay fees due to the commission in accordance with rule 283—21.4(261B,261G).
7. Failure to provide responses to any of the requirements in paragraph 21.3(1)“b” or provide evidence substantiating the postsecondary school’s compliance with those requirements.
8. Other actions deemed by the commission as significant evidence that the postsecondary school should not be allowed to operate under this chapter.

d. Exceptions. Notwithstanding paragraph 21.3(1)“a,” a nonaccredited postsecondary school may qualify for provisional registration if the postsecondary school is authorized under subrule 21.3(2), the postsecondary school is actively seeking accreditation to offer degrees, and the accreditor requires state authorization approval before accreditation approval.

21.3(2) Exception from registration.

a. Qualifying postsecondary schools. A postsecondary school that meets an exception in Iowa Code section 261B.11, meets the requirements of paragraph 21.3(2)“b,” and has a physical location in the state of Iowa must apply for an exception from registration.

b. Requirements. A qualifying postsecondary school must submit information requested by the commission. In addition, a qualifying postsecondary school must meet the following conditions:

(1) If the postsecondary school offers a course of instruction leading to a degree, with the exception of a postsecondary school that qualifies for an exception under Iowa Code section 261B.11(1)“h,” the postsecondary school is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency and will notify the commission of any negative changes to its accrediting status.

(2) The postsecondary school adopts institutional policies that comply with the requirements of subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(4).

(3) The postsecondary school has procedures for the preservation of student academic transcripts for a minimum period of 50 years from the point of withdrawal from or completion of the credential and publishes contact information to be used by students and graduates who seek to obtain transcript information.

(4) A covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F adopts a code of conduct that complies with Iowa Code section 261F.2.

(5) If a covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F offers a preferred lender list, the list meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 261F.6.

(6) The postsecondary school provides a complaint process for students to file a complaint pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(9).

(7) The postsecondary school complies with provisions of Iowa Code sections 714.18, 714.19, 714.23, 714.24, and 714.25, if applicable.

c. Limitations and denials. The commission may take action that includes but is not limited to restricting a postsecondary school's program offerings or enrollment or denying or revoking the postsecondary school's authorization for failure to demonstrate to the commission that the postsecondary school qualifies for the exception and meets consumer protection standards established by the commission.

21.3(3) Commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement.

a. Qualifying postsecondary schools. A participating resident institution pursuant to Iowa Code section 261G.2 that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency may qualify to apply to the commission to participate in a commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement.

b. Requirements. A qualifying postsecondary school must be approved under subrule 21.3(1) or subrule 21.3(2), be in compliance with Iowa Code chapters 261B and 261G, and meet the conditions of the interstate reciprocity agreement. In addition, a postsecondary school will prominently disclose on its website the postsecondary school's participation in the commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement and provide a process for students to file a complaint pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1) "b"(9).

c. Limitations and denials. A participating nonresident institution pursuant to Iowa Code section 261G.2 is not a postsecondary school that is eligible to apply to the commission to participate in a commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement under Iowa Code chapter 261G.

[ARC 0052D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—21.4(261B,261G) Authorization fees.

21.4(1) A postsecondary school that applies for initial registration as required under subrule 21.3(1) shall remit an initial registration application fee payable to the commission in the amount of \$5,000. This fee is nonrefundable regardless of the commission's decision with respect to the postsecondary school's eligibility for registration in Iowa. A postsecondary school that fails to pay the initial registration application fee shall be denied initial registration consideration.

21.4(2) A postsecondary school that is approved under subrule 21.3(1) or 21.3(3) shall remit an annual fee payable to the commission in the amount due on October 15 of each year. If a postsecondary school's authorization terminates during a year, the postsecondary school shall pay the annual fee to the commission if the postsecondary school's approval is valid as of October 15 of that year or on the date the payment is received. The annual fee is nonrefundable and will be assessed based on a postsecondary school's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment as follows:

- a.* Under 2,500 FTE – \$2,000.
- b.* 2,500 to 9,999 FTE – \$4,000.
- c.* 10,000 FTE or more – \$6,000.

21.4(3) A postsecondary school that registers and pays fees under subrule 21.3(1) is not required to pay fees under subrule 21.3(3) if participating in the interstate reciprocity agreement.

[ARC 0052D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—21.5(261B,261G) Postsecondary school, Iowa site, or program closure.

21.5(1) A postsecondary school that is approved under subrule 21.3(1) or 21.3(2), or a degree-granting postsecondary school approved pursuant to Iowa Code section 714.18, must notify the commission in writing before the postsecondary school takes action to close the postsecondary school, close an Iowa site, or discontinue a program that is offered to Iowans.

21.5(2) If requested by the commission, the postsecondary school shall provide the following information to the commission:

a. The full name, residential address, telephone number, email address, program name, and anticipated graduation date of affected Iowa resident students or, as applicable, affected students at the postsecondary school's Iowa campus(es). The postsecondary school shall organize this list in alphabetical order by student last name.

- b.* Documentation of the postsecondary school's proposed notice to students.

c. The postsecondary school's specific plan to provide alternatives for affected students to complete the programs offered under the postsecondary school's state authorization, and any external approvals of the plan if applicable.

d. The postsecondary school's plan for storage and retrieval of student transcript information pursuant to subparagraphs 21.3(1)"b"(8) and 21.3(2)"b"(3).

e. Specific information about how the postsecondary school will provide transitional support to affected students.

f. Contact information for the specific entity and individual who will accept responsibility for all of the following:

(1) Ensuring that unearned federal student aid is returned to the United States Department of Education on a timely basis.

(2) Finalizing student account records and providing copies of the students' final account statements to the students and, upon request, to the commission.

(3) Collecting outstanding bills a student owes to the postsecondary school for tuition and other educational expenses.

(4) Collecting on private education loans or other institutional loans made to students by the postsecondary school and, if applicable, the postsecondary school's private preferred lender(s).

(5) Responding to inquiries from students, parents, and the commission.

21.5(3) An authorized postsecondary school that has a continuous corporate surety bond in effect pursuant to Iowa Code section 714.18 will maintain the bond until the last currently enrolled Iowa student graduates or withdraws.

21.5(4) If the commission takes action to discontinue a postsecondary school's program, close a postsecondary school's Iowa site, or terminate a postsecondary school's operation in Iowa pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)"c"(3), the postsecondary school shall provide to the commission the information in subrule 21.5(2) and shall be subject to the requirements of subrule 21.5(3).

[ARC 0052D, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26]

283—21.6(261B,261G) Postsecondary school closures. In the event of a postsecondary school closure, the commission may use unobligated funds from the postsecondary registration fund, pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8, to assist impacted eligible students.

21.6(1) Eligible students. The provisions of this rule apply to Iowa resident students who were enrolled in a postsecondary educational program that leads to a recognized educational credential or were on an approved leave of absence at the time of a postsecondary school closure.

21.6(2) Assistance to impacted eligible students. The commission may provide the following forms of assistance to eligible students impacted by a postsecondary school closure:

a. Procure, evaluate, and store records needed to establish the validity of claims against a postsecondary school for failure to faithfully perform all contracts and agreements.

b. Pay institutional charges on behalf of Iowans who enrolled at the school.

c. Support an arrangement in which the postsecondary school provides its current students with the opportunity to complete the students' courses of study after the postsecondary school closes, including any activities designed to facilitate the transition of such students to another postsecondary educational institution.

d. Pay private educational loan debt incurred by Iowans for attendance at the postsecondary school during the enrollment term that the college closes.

e. Reimburse Iowans who enrolled at the postsecondary school for other financial loss, as determined by the commission.

21.6(3) Claims process. An eligible student making a claim for reimbursement under paragraph 21.16(2)"b," "d," or "e" must contact the commission within six months of the postsecondary school closure for a claim form and provide the following supporting information and documentation:

a. Proof of enrollment at the time of postsecondary school closing.

b. Proof of attendance at the time of postsecondary school closing.

c. Proof of Iowa residency at the time of postsecondary school closing.

d. Proof of payment of private educational loan debt, tuition, fees, or other financial loss as determined by the commission.

e. Any other documentation to support a student's claim of enrollment, attendance, or payment.

21.6(4) *Approval process.* The commission will review a claim and the supporting information and documentation submitted by each eligible student seeking reimbursement under this rule. The commission may delay approval of claims for a period not to exceed one year from the date of the postsecondary school closure to ensure all claims related to a postsecondary school closure are received.

21.6(5) *Awarding of approved claims.*

a. All claims for reimbursement shall be submitted and approved within one year of the date of the postsecondary school closure.

b. Claims for reimbursement will first be made against the postsecondary school's surety bond.

c. If the postsecondary school's surety bond is insufficient to provide reimbursement to all approved claims, the postsecondary registration fund, pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8, may be used to reimburse any remaining approved claims.

In no case will the total approved claims related to a single postsecondary school closure exceed one-half of the unobligated balance in the postsecondary registration fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8. If the postsecondary registration fund is insufficient to cover the full amount of all approved claims, the commission shall develop a method of allocating the funds to eligible students.

21.6(6) *Appeal process.* The procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 4 will be followed in the event of an appeal to a decision by the commission.

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CHAPTER 22
IOWA MINORITY GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS (IMAGES)
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CHAPTER 23
SKILLED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

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283—23.1(256) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the Iowa skilled workforce shortage 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.

[ARC 8174C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—23.2(256) Definitions.

“Financial metric” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Financial need” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Full-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Iowa resident” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Part-time” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Program of study” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“Satisfactory academic progress” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

[ARC 8174C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—23.3(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 and aligns with a high-demand job identified by the department of workforce development or an Iowa community college as specified in rule 283—23.5(256); meets the award eligibility criteria; and meets the following provisions:

1. Completes the applications the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.

2. Establishes financial need, has an eligible financial metric, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

[ARC 8174C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—23.4(256) Awarding of funds.

23.4(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

23.4(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 can 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 256.227(5)“b.”

a. The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the student’s financial need and will not exceed one-half of the average community college tuition and fee rate.

b. The award is calculated in conjunction with the federal Pell Grant and the Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant, with the goal of providing awards to as many eligible applicants as possible.

c. When awarded in combination with other tuition-restricted funds, the total amount of tuition-restricted funding including a skilled workforce shortage tuition grant cannot exceed the total tuition and mandatory fees charged to the recipient.

d. A part-time student will receive a prorated award, as defined by the commission, which is calculated by dividing the number of hours for which the student is enrolled by the required number of hours for full-time enrollment and multiplying the quotient by the maximum award.

23.4(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 with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

c. Iowa community colleges 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 will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

e. Iowa community colleges will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Iowa community colleges 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 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 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 with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.227 and this rule.

[ARC 8174C, IAB 8/7/24, effective 9/11/24]

283—23.5(256) Determination of programs of study aligned with high-demand jobs.

23.5(1) *Statewide high-demand jobs.* The commission will utilize the department of workforce development's most recent list of statewide high-demand jobs pursuant to Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14) and align those jobs to eligible programs of study. Programs aligned with new statewide high-demand jobs will be added to the list of eligible programs to the extent that funding allows. After consideration of additional programs under subrule 23.5(2), and to the extent that funding allows, the commission will utilize the department of workforce development's most recent list of high-demand occupations that meet the growth thresholds in Iowa Code section 84A.1B(14) but do not meet the wage threshold and will align those jobs to eligible programs of study.

23.5(2) *Regional high-demand jobs.* The commission will request submissions of regional high-demand jobs that align with eligible programs of study if funding allows. The Iowa community college must conduct a regional skills gap analysis and provide the corresponding documentation to the commission.

23.5(3) *Eligible programs of study.* All programs of study that are identified as career and technical education programs by the Iowa department of education will be considered. The classification of instructional program code and the standard occupation code will be used to align eligible programs of study to high-demand jobs.

23.5(4) *Grandfather clause.* If a high-demand job is removed from eligibility, students who received an award based on their enrollment in a program of study aligned with the removed high-demand job in the previous year can continue to qualify for the award if they remain enrolled in the same program of study and continuously enroll each consecutive fall and spring semester, or the equivalent.

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CHAPTER 24

RURAL IOWA PRIMARY CARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 25

RURAL IOWA ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER AND
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 26

HEALTH CARE AWARD PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 27
RURAL VETERINARIAN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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283—27.1(256) Definitions.

“*Eligible applicant*” means an individual who meets the criteria of Iowa Code sections 256.226(3) and 256.226(4), agrees to sign a program agreement, agrees to begin employment under the obligation within one year of signing a program agreement, and agrees to complete the obligation. The eligible applicant completes applications on or before the date established by the commission and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

1. The program agreement specifies the obligation and other details pertaining to the program.

2. The obligation is considered fulfilled or may be postponed pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.226(9). Progression toward completion of the obligation is verified annually.

“*Eligible loan*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1). Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay an eligible loan qualifies as an eligible loan.

“*Food supply veterinary medicine*” means the same as “practice of food supply veterinary medicine” as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1).

“*Rural service commitment area*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1). An eligible applicant who signs a program agreement to serve in a service commitment area will contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable contribution equivalent to 12.5 percent of the eligible applicant’s eligible loan balance, at the time the program agreement is signed, for deposit in the rural veterinarian trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by but is not limited to the following organizations: community agencies, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

“*Veterinary shortage area*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.226(1).

[ARC 8869C, IAB 2/19/25, effective 3/26/25]

283—27.2(256) Awarding of funds.

27.2(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

27.2(2) Extent of award and maximum award. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$60,000 upon completion of the obligation. The loan repayment award will not exceed the outstanding balance of the eligible applicant’s eligible loans.

27.2(3) Priority for awards. New awards will be made in the order of the following priority categories if funding is insufficient to award all eligible applicants. An eligible applicant selected for an award under a priority category will continue to meet the provisions of that category to maintain eligibility.

a. Eligible applicants who will be employed in a private practice providing food supply veterinary medicine in a veterinary shortage area and have graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, by date of application, followed by eligible applicants who will be employed in a private practice providing food supply veterinary medicine in a veterinary shortage area and have not graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, by date of application.

b. Eligible applicants who will be employed in a private practice providing food supply veterinary medicine in a service commitment area and have graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, by date of application, followed by eligible applicants who will be employed in a private practice providing food supply veterinary medicine in a service commitment area and have not graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, by date of application.

c. Eligible applicants who will practice as a veterinarian in a service commitment area and have graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, by date of application, followed by eligible applicants who will practice as veterinarians in a service

commitment area and have not graduated from an Iowa high school or completed private instruction under Iowa Code chapter 299A, by date of application.

27.2(4) *Awarding process.* The commission will:

- a. Provide notice of the eligibility criteria and the application process annually.
- b. Designate eligible applicants for awards and notify all applicants of their eligibility.
- c. Track eligible applicants selected to receive awards through completion of their obligation.

Completion of the obligation will be verified by the eligible applicant's employer. An obligation is satisfied pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.226(9).

- d. Pay the loan repayment award directly to the holder of the eligible applicant's eligible loan.

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283—27.3(256) Failure to fulfill obligation. An eligible applicant who fails to fulfill the obligation pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.226(9) will be subject to repayment of any loan repayment awards paid under this chapter toward the eligible applicant's eligible loans as specified in the program agreement.

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CHAPTER 28
TEACH IOWA SCHOLAR PROGRAM

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283—28.1(256) Definitions.

“Eligible applicant” means an individual who meets the criteria in Iowa Code section 256.218(3), agrees to complete the obligation, completes applications on or before the date established by the commission, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1). The obligation ends after five consecutive years. Progression towards completion of the obligation is verified annually. In addition, the eligible applicant will have graduated in the top 25 percent academically of students completing the teacher preparation program at the institution, as certified by the postsecondary institution offering the teacher preparation program from which the applicant graduates, and must be providing instruction in an eligible teaching field or in a combination of eligible teaching fields at an eligible school or agency and will be teaching on a full-time basis.

“Eligible school or agency” means a public school district, area education agency, charter school, and accredited nonpublic school located in Iowa and recognized and approved by the department of education.

“Eligible student loan” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.218(4). Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay an eligible student loan qualifies as an eligible student loan.

“Eligible teaching field” means hard-to-staff subjects as identified by the director of the department of education.

“Preparation program” means the programs of practitioner preparation leading to initial licensure of teachers, administrators, and other professional school personnel.

“Teacher” means an individual who holds a practitioner’s license or a statement of professional recognition issued under Iowa Code chapter 256 and who is employed in a nonadministrative position by an eligible school or agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under Iowa Code section 279.13. “Teacher” also includes a preschool teacher who is licensed by the board of educational examiners under Iowa Code chapter 256 and is employed by an eligible school or agency.

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283—28.2(256) Awarding of funds.

28.2(1) *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

28.2(2) *Extent of award and maximum award.* Eligible applicants may receive up to \$4,000 per year for a period of five years.

28.2(3) *Priority for awards.* New awards will be made in the order of the following priority categories if funding is insufficient to award all eligible applicants. An eligible applicant selected for an award under a priority category will continue to meet the provisions of that category to maintain eligibility.

a. Eligible applicants who are Iowa residents.

(1) If all eligible applicants in this category cannot be funded, awards will be made first based on the eligible applicant’s graduation date from the teacher preparation program, grouped by academic year, with the most recent academic year graduates given priority.

(2) If all eligible applicants who graduated within an academic year cannot be funded, awards will be further prioritized based on the annual ranking of eligible teaching fields by the department, with eligible applicants teaching in the highest ranking fields being served first. Eligible applicants who meet the same priority criteria in this category will be further prioritized by application date.

b. Eligible applicants who are not Iowa residents.

(1) If all eligible applicants in this category cannot be funded, awards will be made first based on the eligible applicant’s graduation date from the teacher preparation program, grouped by academic year, with the most recent academic year graduates given priority.

(2) If all eligible applicants who graduated within an academic year cannot be funded, awards will be further prioritized based on the annual ranking of eligible teaching fields by the department, with eligible

applicants teaching in the highest ranking fields being served first. Eligible applicants who meet the same priority criteria in this category will be further prioritized by application date.

28.2(4) *Awarding process.*

- a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and the application process annually.
- b. Eligible applicants will specify whether the award should be paid directly to the eligible applicant or to the holder of the eligible applicant's eligible student loan.
- c. The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and notify all applicants of their eligibility.
- d. The commission will track eligible applicants selected to receive awards through completion of their obligation.
- e. The commission will pay the award directly to the eligible applicant or to the holder of the eligible applicant's eligible student loan after the eligible school or agency verifies that a portion of the obligation has been completed.

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283—28.3(256) Grandfather clause. The eligibility of eligible applicants who are selected to receive awards will not be impacted in subsequent years if the eligible teaching field under which they were selected to receive the award is no longer identified by the department.

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CHAPTER 29

IOWA NATIONAL GUARD MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 30

IOWA NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 31

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Rescinded **ARC 0055D**, IAB 2/4/26, effective 3/11/26

CHAPTER 32

CHIROPRACTIC GRADUATE STUDENT FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 33

CHIROPRACTIC LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 34
WORKFORCE GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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283—34.1(261) Basis of aid. Assistance available under the Iowa workforce grant and incentive program is based on the financial need of Iowa residents enrolled in eligible programs of study at universities under the Iowa board of regents.

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283—34.2(261) Definitions.

“*Academic year*” is defined as the fall, spring and summer semesters, in that sequence, within a state fiscal year.

“*Eligible institution*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.230.

“*Eligible program*” means an undergraduate program of study as defined in 283—Chapter 10 that meets the provisions of Iowa Code section 256.230.

“*Financial metric*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Financial need*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Full-time*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*High-demand job*” means the same as described in Iowa Code section 84A.1B(17).

“*Iowa resident*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Part-time*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” means the same as defined in 283—Chapter 10.

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283—34.3(261) Eligible workforce grant applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled full-time or part-time as an undergraduate student in an eligible program at an eligible institution and who meets the following provisions:

1. Annually completes the applications the commission deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.
2. Establishes financial need, has an eligible financial metric, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

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283—34.4(261) Awarding of workforce grant funds.

34.4(1) Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

34.4(2) Extent of award and maximum award. Eligible applicants may receive no more than four full-time or eight part-time semesters of awards, or the equivalent.

a. The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the student’s financial need and will not exceed \$2,000 per full-time semester.

b. A part-time student will receive a prorated award, as established by the commission, based on the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled.

c. Awards will be provided during the fall and spring semesters of enrollment. Awards during the summer semester of enrollment may be provided if funding allows.

34.4(3) Priority for awards. In the event that funds available are insufficient to provide an award to all eligible applicants, awards will be prioritized as follows:

a. Eligible applicants who received a workforce grant in the prior academic year.

b. Eligible applicants with the lowest financial metrics.

c. Eligible applicants who are closest to the completion of their eligible program.

34.4(4) Awarding process.

a. The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

b. Eligible 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.

c. Eligible institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover items included in the cost of attendance, as defined in Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as of July 1, 2023.

d. Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible 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.

e. Eligible institutions will complete necessary verification and coordinate other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

f. The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this state program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.230 and this rule.

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283—34.5(261) Eligible incentive payment applicant. Individuals who received a workforce grant and completed the eligible program within the same academic year may apply for the incentive payment if they meet the criteria of Iowa Code section 256.230 and are employed in Iowa.

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283—34.6(261) Awarding of incentive payments.

34.6(1) *Selection criteria.* All eligible incentive payment applicants will be considered for an award.

34.6(2) *Extent of award and maximum award.* Eligible incentive payment applicants may apply for no more than one incentive payment of up to \$2,000.

34.6(3) *Awarding process.*

a. The commission will provide notice of the availability of the incentive payment application to eligible incentive payment applicants following completion of the eligible program. Eligible incentive payment applicants will apply for the incentive and begin full-time employment in a high-demand job in Iowa within six months of completing the eligible program.

b. Following the application deadline, the commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and begin tracking their employment.

c. After the applicant has completed 12 consecutive months of full-time employment, commission staff will verify with the Iowa employer that the applicant was employed full-time in a job position that is aligned with a high-demand job.

d. Following verification with the employer, the commission will make payment to the eligible incentive payment applicant.

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CHAPTER 35

IOWA TEACHER SHORTAGE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 36

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IOWA STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 37
DEBT COLLECTION

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283—37.1(256) Definitions.

“Debtor” means a person who has defaulted on any obligation owed to or collected by the commission.

“Default” means that a debtor:

1. Becomes obligated to repay the commission under any loan repayment program administered by the commission and fails to make an agreed payment within 30 days of the agreed due date;
2. Becomes obligated to repay the commission under any forgivable loan program administered by the commission and fails to make an agreed payment within 30 days of the agreed due date; or
3. Enters into a written repayment agreement with the commission and fails to make an agreed payment within 30 days of the due date stated in the repayment agreement.

“Defaulted obligation owed” means the total amount of the debtor’s obligation, including principal and unpaid accrued interest, and may include collection costs and other allowable fees.

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283—37.2(256) Administrative wage garnishment procedures. The commission shall use the general administrative wage garnishment procedures established in 34 CFR Part 34 et seq., as of July 1, 2024, in the collection of all defaulted obligations owed to the commission. Administrative hearings will be governed by 283—Chapter 4.

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283—37.3(261) Offset against state income tax refund or rebate. The commission may make a claim against a defaulted borrower’s state income tax refund or rebate to receive a payment against defaulted obligation owed pursuant to 701—Chapter 26.

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