

CHAPTER 11
IOWA TUITION GRANT PROGRAM—FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS

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.

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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).

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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).

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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.

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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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