

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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