

**283—15.3(261) Eligible students.**

**15.3(1)** An applicant of the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program must:

- a.* Be an Iowa resident as defined in 283—Chapter 10.
- b.* Annually complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and any other application required by the college student aid commission by the priority application date specified by the college student aid commission.
- c.* Attend an orientation session, in person or virtually, for the eligible institution.
- d.* Register for courses with the assistance of an advisor, create a graduation plan as required under the eligible program, and participate in available academic advising sessions.
- e.* Enroll in an eligible program at an eligible institution.
- f.* Consider participating in the volunteer mentor program, as defined by the commission on volunteer service.
- g.* Participate in available career advising sessions as required under the eligible program, including creation of a career plan when possible.
- h.* Meet satisfactory academic progress standards as defined by the eligible institution in accordance with the provisions of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- i.* Receive no more than the equivalent of five full-time awards or eight part-time awards.
- j.* Meet one of the following three conditions:

(1) Prior to becoming an adult learner, enroll on a full-time or part-time basis 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, and maintain continuous enrollment on a full-time or part-time basis in subsequent semesters, with the exception of the summer semester, to receive additional awards. An eligible student must enroll on at least a part-time basis during the summer semester to receive an award. An eligible student may enroll in fewer than 12 semester hours, or the equivalent, in the semester that the credential will be completed if full-time enrollment is not required to complete the program of study.

(2) Prior to becoming an adult learner, and 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, enter into full-time or part-time employment in a state-recognized work-based learning program approved by the Iowa department of education and enroll on a full-time or part-time basis and maintain continuous enrollment on a full-time or part-time basis in subsequent terms to receive additional awards. An eligible student may enroll in fewer than six semester hours, or the equivalent, in the semester that the credential will be completed if half-time enrollment is not required to complete the program of study.

(3) Following receipt of a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma, and after becoming an adult learner, enroll on a full-time or part-time basis in an eligible program at an eligible institution, and maintain continuous enrollment on a full-time or part-time basis in subsequent semesters to receive additional awards. An eligible student may enroll in fewer than six semester hours, or the equivalent, in the semester that the credential will be completed if half-time enrollment is not required to complete the program of study.

If the student discontinues enrollment at the eligible institution due to military deployment, a temporary medical incapacity, in relation to the declaration of a national or state emergency, or other exceptional circumstances approved by the commission, the student must apply for a waiver. If the waiver is approved, the student is not required to maintain continuous enrollment during the period covered by the waiver.

**15.3(2)** Reserved.

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