

281—25.21 (260I) Applicants for tuition assistance—eligibility criteria.

25.21(1) Eligibility for tuition assistance shall be based on financial need. Applicants may be found eligible for partial or total tuition assistance. Tuition assistance shall not be approved when the community college receiving the application determines that funding for an applicant's participation in an eligible certificate program is available from any other public or private funding source. Criteria to determine financial need shall include but not be limited to:

- a.* The applicant's family income for the 12 months prior to the date of application.
- b.* The applicant's family size.
- c.* The applicant's county of residence.

25.21(2) An applicant for tuition assistance under this chapter must have a demonstrated capacity to achieve the following outcomes:

- a.* The ability to complete an eligible certificate program.
- b.* The ability to enter a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree program for credit.
- c.* The ability to gain full-time employment.
- d.* The ability to maintain full-time employment over a period of time.

25.21(3) The community college receiving the application shall only approve an applicant for tuition assistance under this chapter if the community college determines the applicant is likely to succeed in achieving the outcomes described in subrule 25.16(2) after considering factors including but not limited to:

- a.* Barriers that may prevent an applicant from completing the certificate program.
- b.* Barriers that may prevent an applicant from gaining employment in an in-demand occupation.