

283—9.2 (261) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Adopted youth” means a youth who was adopted after the age of 16.

“Aged out” means youth who leave foster care at age 18 or older.

“Eligible child” means a child who meets the definition of “aged out” of foster care or who was adopted on or after the child’s sixteenth birthday.

“Eligible college or university” means an Iowa community college, an institution of higher education governed by the state board of regents, or an accredited private institution located in Iowa that meets all eligibility requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 261.9. All eligible colleges and universities must submit annual reports which include student and faculty information, enrollment and employment information, and other information required by the commission as described in Iowa Code sections 261.9 through 261.16.

“Financial need” means the need of an applicant for financial assistance. Need shall be evaluated annually on the basis of a confidential statement of family finances filed on a form designated by the commission. For the purposes of determining financial need, the commission has adopted the use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a federal form used to calculate a formula developed by the U.S. Department of Education, the results of which are used to determine relative need. The FAFSA must be received by the processing agent by the date specified in the application instructions.

“Foster care” means substitute care furnished on a 24-hour-a-day basis to an eligible child, in a licensed foster care facility or approved shelter care facility, by a person or agency other than the child’s parent or guardian, but does not include care provided in a family home through an informal arrangement for a period of less than 30 days. Child foster care shall include but is not limited to the provision of food, lodging, training, education, supervision, and health care.

“Full-time” means enrollment at an eligible college or university in a course of study including at least 12 semester hours or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

“Iowa resident” means an individual who meets the criteria used by the state board of regents to determine residency for tuition purposes as described in 681—1.4(262) or an individual for whom the Iowa department of human services had placement and care responsibilities as mandated by the Iowa juvenile court system.

“Part-time” means enrollment at an eligible college or university in a course of study including at least three semester hours or the trimester or quarter equivalent.