

**283—16.3(261) Eligible students.** An applicant of the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant must:

1. Be an Iowa resident as defined in 283—Chapter 10.
2. 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.
3. Attend an orientation session, in person or virtually, for the eligible institution.
4. 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.
5. Enroll in an eligible program at an eligible institution.
6. Consider participating in the volunteer mentor program, as defined by the commission on volunteer service.
7. Have earned at least half of the credits necessary to complete an eligible program. Preference will be given to applicants returning to complete their first baccalaureate degree.
8. Not have been enrolled in postsecondary education for two academic years prior to the academic year in which the grant is first received.
9. Upon receipt of the grant, maintain continuous full-time or part-time enrollment at an eligible institution.

If the student is granted a leave of absence by the eligible institution in accordance with provisions of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the student is not required to maintain continuous enrollment during the period covered by the approved leave of absence.

10. Participate in available career advising sessions as required under the eligible program, including creation of a career plan when possible.

11. 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.

12. Receive awards for no more than the equivalent of four full-time semesters or eight part-time semesters or until the eligible student completes the eligible program, whichever occurs first.

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