

283—20.3(256) Iowa national guard master’s degree service scholarship. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code section 256.210(6) for the recruitment or retention of individuals by providing a scholarship award to an eligible member of the Iowa national guard, this chapter will be used to administer authorized scholarships. The adjutant general will select program recipients and authorize scholarship awards under this chapter. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

20.3(1) Eligible applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls in an eligible master’s degree program of study at an eligible institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

a. Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard, except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

b. Meets the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.211(1)“*a*” and 256.211(3), meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

20.3(2) Awarding of funds.

a. Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

b. Maximum award and extent of award. Eligible applicants may receive awards for no more than 36 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, attributable to the eligible master’s degree program of study.

(1) The maximum award will not exceed the Iowa resident graduate-level tuition rate at Iowa regent universities or the tuition charged to the eligible applicant, whichever is lower.

(2) All credit hours within a term of enrollment to which a scholarship is applied will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

c. Awarding process. The college student aid commission adopts the awarding process in paragraph 20.2(2)“*c*” with the following exception: In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210” in subparagraph 20.2(2)“*c*”(7), insert “Iowa Code section 256.211”.

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