

**283—11.2(261) Tuition grant institutional eligibility requirements.**

**11.2(1) Eligible institution.** An institution requesting participation in the Iowa tuition grant program must apply to the college student aid commission using the commission's designated application.

*a.* A college or university participating in the Iowa tuition grant program under 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 642, section 15, must:

(1) Be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC); and  
(2) Be an institution of higher learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and not controlled or administered by any state agency or any subdivision of the state, which is not exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which meets all of the criteria described in Iowa Code section 261.9(1) "d" through "i"; and

(3) Annually provide matching aggregate institutional financial aid to Iowa tuition grant recipients equal to a required percentage of the amount received by its students as described under 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 642, section 15 (institutional financial aid qualifying as match includes only institutional financial aid provided to students in periods of enrollment during which students are also receiving Iowa tuition grants); and

(4) Effective January 8, 2010, have purchased an accredited private institution that was exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or have students who were eligible to receive tuition grants in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003; and

(5) Be located in Iowa. "Located in Iowa" means a college or university that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, that has made a substantial investment in a permanent Iowa campus and staff, that offers a full range of courses leading to the degrees offered by the institution as well as a full range of student services, and that is not required to register under Iowa Code chapter 261B.

*b.* A school of cosmetology or barbering participating in the Iowa tuition grant program under 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 642, section 15, must:

(1) Be a barber school licensed under Iowa Code section 158.7 or a school of cosmetology arts and sciences licensed under Iowa Code chapter 157 and be accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

(2) Be an institution that is not exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and be operated privately and not controlled or administered by any state agency or any subdivision of the state and meet all of the criteria described in Iowa Code section 261.9(1) "d" through "i"; and

(3) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, provide a matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal to at least 75 percent of the amount received by the institution's students for Iowa tuition grant assistance under 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 642, section 17; for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, provide a matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid equal to at least 85 percent of the amount received in that fiscal year. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and each succeeding fiscal year, the matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid shall be at least equal to the match provided by eligible institutions under 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 642, section 15 (institutional financial aid qualifying as match includes only institutional financial aid provided to students in periods of enrollment during which students are also receiving Iowa tuition grants); and

(4) Be located in Iowa. "Located in Iowa" means a school that is accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, that has made a substantial investment in a permanent Iowa campus and staff, that offers a full range of courses preparing students for a professional license, and that is not required to register under Iowa Code chapter 261B.

**11.2(2) Processing institutional applications for participation.** Application forms will be provided by the commission.

*a.* Applicants are required to provide the commission with documentation establishing eligibility as described in 11.2(1).

*b.* Applicants seeking to participate in the Iowa tuition grant program must submit applications by October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

*c.* Applicants must submit written plans outlining academic programs that integrate summer attendance in accelerated programs prior to making summer awards. If the summer program is approved by the commission, an applicant's students may receive Iowa tuition grants beginning in the summer following approval.

*d.* Academic programs at eligible institutions defined in 11.2(1) "a" which allow full-time students to complete four-year baccalaureate programs in less than the normal prescribed time period while taking the same courses as students completing the same degree during a traditional four-year time period will be approved for summer Iowa tuition grants.

*e.* Academic programs at eligible institutions defined in 11.2(1) "b" which integrate summer attendance into the barber or cosmetology arts and sciences programs of study and allow full-time students to complete the program in less than the time period it would take to complete the same program of study without summer attendance will be approved for summer Iowa tuition grants.

*f.* A summer academic program may be defined for a group of students or may be a self-directed program in which a student has received approval from appropriate officials of the eligible institution.

**11.2(3) *Notice of change of status.*** Any eligible institution which fails to meet the criteria set forth in 11.2(1) must immediately notify the commission. Failure to comply with this notice of change requirement may result in the eligible institution's being required to return Iowa tuition grant funds to the commission.

**11.2(4) *Review of eligibility.***

*a.* The commission shall periodically, at least every three years, investigate and review compliance of institutions participating in the Iowa tuition grant program—for-profit institutions with criteria described in Iowa Code section 261.9 and this rule.

*b.* If the commission finds that an eligible institution fails to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code section 261.9 and this rule, participation in the Iowa tuition grant program—for-profit institutions shall be suspended.

**11.2(5) *Reporting requirements.*** Every eligible institution participating in the Iowa tuition grant program shall submit an annual report which includes student and faculty information, enrollment and employment information, the amount of institutional matching financial aid dollars, and other information required by the commission as described in Iowa Code section 261.9.

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