

283—8.2(261) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“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 section 261.9.

“Eligible foster care student” means a person who has a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma under Iowa Code chapter 259A and is described by any of the following:

1. Is age 17 and is in a court-ordered placement under Iowa Code chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of human services or juvenile court services.
2. Is age 17 and has been placed in a state juvenile institution pursuant to a court order entered under Iowa Code chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of human services.
3. Is described by any of the following:
 - On the date the person reached age 18 or during the 30 calendar days preceding or succeeding that date, the person was in a licensed foster care placement pursuant to a court order entered under Iowa Code chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of human services or juvenile court services.
 - On the date the person reached age 18 or during the 30 calendar days preceding or succeeding that date, the person was under a court order under Iowa Code chapter 232 to live with a relative or other suitable person.
 - The person was in a licensed foster care placement pursuant to an order entered under Iowa Code chapter 232 prior to being legally adopted after reaching age 16.
 - On the date the person reached age 18 or during the 30 calendar days preceding or succeeding that date, the person was placed in a state juvenile institution pursuant to a court order entered under Iowa Code chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of human services.

“Eligible surviving-child student” means a person who is not a convicted felon as defined in Iowa Code section 910.15 and who meets any of the following criteria:

1. Is the child of a peace officer, as defined in Iowa Code section 97A.1, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the board of trustees of the Iowa department of public safety peace officers’ retirement, accident, and disability system in accordance with Iowa Code section 97A.6(16).
2. Is the child of a police officer or fire fighter, as defined in Iowa Code section 411.1, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the statewide fire and police retirement system in accordance with Iowa Code section 411.6(15).
3. Is the child of a sheriff or deputy sheriff, as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.49C, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the Iowa public employees’ retirement system in accordance with Iowa Code section 97B.52(2).
4. Is the child of a fire fighter or police officer included under Iowa Code section 97B.49B, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the Iowa public employees’ retirement system in accordance with Iowa Code section 97B.52(2).

“Expected family contribution (EFC)” is the means by which the commission ranks the relative need of an applicant for financial assistance. Expected family contribution shall be evaluated annually on the basis of a confidential statement of family finances filed on a form designated by the commission. 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 expected family contribution. Relative need will be ranked based on the applicant’s expected family contribution (EFC) provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The FAFSA must be received by the processing agent by the date specified by the commission.

“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 a person who meets the residency requirements established in 283—Chapter 10.

“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.

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