

**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 sections 261.9 through 261.16.

*“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 in the application instructions.

*“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 criteria used by the state board of regents to determine residency for tuition purposes as described in 681—1.4(262) or a person who meets the criteria defined by the Iowa department of education’s “Iowa community college uniform policy on student residency status.”

*“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.