

## LDS FY 2021

The Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship program FY 2021 had 7,864 participants. The high-demand occupation with the most participants during this time was registered nurse which was 1,846 participants followed by licensed practical nurse/vocational nurse with 556. During the annual year 2021, 3,326 participants completed their programs of study (this number does not include the completion numbers from the two private colleges). Seventeen institutions participated in the Last Dollar Scholarship program, 15 community colleges and two private colleges. The number of written agreements entered by the volunteer mentor program was 37. These 37 mentors entered into 43 mentorship agreements with Last Dollar Scholarship students primarily in the occupations of information technology and healthcare.

Last Dollar Scholarship employment and wages for participants the first year following completion (2021) was a median wage of \$46,461 and ranged between \$43,790 to \$50,593. Median annual wages for women were \$48,520 and for minority participants was \$48,084. Eighty-six (86.6) percent of LDS graduates were employed in Iowa. Last Dollar Scholarship program completers earned \$12,512 more than those not in LDS-eligible program based on the 2020 employment and wages information gathered.

The Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant program FY 2021 had 49 participants. Ten institutions participated in the program. This program did not see participation as expected and has since been discontinued. This grant program is being phased out. Participants who originally entered the program have been and are being supported through completion. Wage and employment data has not been captured due to the small number of participants.