

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant - Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose

The Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant Program provides assistance to students enrolled in specific vocational-technical or career option programs at Iowa community colleges. Students must be Iowa residents enrolled in at least three credit hours (or 12 weeks) of a qualified program of study in an identified workforce shortage area.

Shortage areas are identified by the community colleges based on regional analysis and by the Department of Workforce Development.

The College Student Aid Commission now identifies this Program as the Kibbie Grant, in honor of former State Senator John Kibbie who played a key role in the founding of the community college system in Iowa.

Awards

The maximum award is one-half of the average tuition and mandatory fees for Iowa community colleges and cannot exceed the student's identified financial need. Students must complete coursework within two years or the equivalent of two years for part-time students.

Funding

The Program was initially funded in FY 2013 by a General Fund appropriation of \$5.0 million. Since then, the Program has been funded by annual appropriations from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund in the amount of \$5.0 million annually.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [261.130](#)

[283](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [23](#)

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More Information

Iowa College Student Aid Commission - Kibbie Grant: <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/kibbie-grant>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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