
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program

Eligibility

To be eligible for the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- The applicant must be an Iowa resident who begins initial enrollment at an eligible Iowa college or university within two academic years of graduating from high school or receipt of a high school equivalency diploma, and remains enrolled continuously from year to year.
- The applicant must be enrolled in at least three semester hours (or the trimester or quarter equivalent) in a program leading to an undergraduate degree.
- The applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must fall below the eligibility level determined annually by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

The Commission's administrative rules give priority to applicants who have participated in certain federal TRIO programs that provide services to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Priority is also given to applicants who graduate from alternative high schools or alternative high school programs.

The Commission's administrative rules also give priority to applications received by a deadline specified by Commission staff, generally March 1. Applications received after that date are considered if funding remains after all renewals and eligible priority applications have been processed.

Foster Care Student Eligibility

Beginning in FY 2018, following the repeal of the All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant Program, priority is given to eligible foster care students who have achieved a high school diploma or equivalency diploma and meet any of the following criteria:

- Age 17 and in a court-ordered placement under the care of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Juvenile Court Services.
- Age 17 and placed in a State juvenile institution pursuant to court order under the care of the DHS.
- Age 18 through 23 and described by any of the following:
 - On the person's 18th birthday, or during the 30 calendar days preceding or succeeding that date, the person was in a licensed foster care placement under the care and custody of the DHS or Juvenile Court Services.

More Information

All Iowa Opportunity Scholarships: iowacollegeaid.gov/content/all-iowa-opportunity-scholarship

College Student Aid Commission: www.iowacollegeaid.gov

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- On the person's 18th birthday, or during the 30 calendar days preceding or succeeding that date, the person was under a court order to live with a relative or other suitable person.
- The person was in a licensed foster care placement pursuant to a court order prior to being legally adopted after reaching age 16.
- On the person's 18th birthday, 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 under the care and custody of the DHS.

Awards

Awards are limited to no more than the equivalent of eight full-time semesters or 16 part-time semesters of undergraduate study. The award cannot exceed the lesser of the student's financial need or one-half of the average resident tuition rate and mandatory fees for the State universities.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [232](#)

Iowa Code section [261.87](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [283—8](#)