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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an Iowa wins scholarship program and making  
2 an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 344

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.22 IOWA WINS SCHOLARSHIP  
2 PROGRAM -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. Subject to an appropriation of sufficient funds by the  
4 general assembly, there is established an Iowa wins  
5 scholarship program to be administered by the college student  
6 aid commission. A resident of this state who graduated, or  
7 within one year will graduate, from an accredited secondary  
8 school in this state and who has been admitted to or is  
9 attending as a full-time or part-time student an institution  
10 of higher education under the state board of regents, a  
11 community college, an accredited private institution as  
12 defined in section 261.9, subsection 1, or a postsecondary  
13 institution that meets the requirements of chapter 261B, is  
14 eligible for the following scholarship amounts:

15 a. Up to two thousand dollars if the person ranked in the  
16 upper twenty-five percent of their secondary school class at  
17 the end of grade twelve.

18 b. Up to one thousand dollars for all other graduates of  
19 accredited secondary schools in this state.

20 2. By June 30 of the school year in which a student  
21 completes grade twelve, each accredited public and nonpublic  
22 secondary school in Iowa shall include in the student's  
23 transcript the student's class percentile rank.

24 3. A person who meets the qualifications of subsection 1  
25 may apply to the commission for an Iowa wins scholarship at  
26 any time within one year following the person's graduation  
27 from an accredited secondary school in this state. However,  
28 once approved for a scholarship under this section, the person  
29 may receive Iowa wins scholarship moneys for not more than  
30 twelve months.

31 4. The amount of an Iowa wins scholarship shall not exceed  
32 the total tuition and mandatory fees for attending a  
33 postsecondary institution as provided in subsection 1.

34 5. Scholarship moneys may be awarded for full-time or  
35 part-time study during the fall, spring, or summer semesters,

1 or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

2 6. The commission shall administer this program and shall  
3 do all of the following:

4 a. Provide application forms for distribution to students  
5 by Iowa high schools.

6 b. Adopt rules for determining financial need, defining  
7 residence for the purposes of this section, and for processing  
8 and approving applications for scholarships.

9 c. Make an annual report to the governor and general  
10 assembly.

11 7. Each applicant, in accordance with the rules  
12 established by the commission, shall do all of the following:

13 a. Complete and file an application for an Iowa wins  
14 scholarship.

15 b. Report promptly to the commission any necessary  
16 information requested by the commission.

17 8. If a recipient of scholarship moneys issued in  
18 accordance with this section is dismissed or withdraws from  
19 the postsecondary institution before completion of the term,  
20 the award, or the portion of the award that conforms with that  
21 institution's accepted policy of refunds, shall be refunded to  
22 the commission.

23 9. There is appropriated annually from the general fund of  
24 the state to the college student aid commission an amount  
25 sufficient to carry out the provisions of this section.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill establishes the Iowa wins scholarship program for  
28 residents who graduated from accredited Iowa high schools and  
29 who have been admitted to or are attending an institution of  
30 higher education under the state board of regents; a community  
31 college; an accredited private institution; or a postsecondary  
32 institution that meets the requirements of chapter 261B, which  
33 requires certain schools to register with the secretary of  
34 state. The bill creates a standing unlimited appropriation  
35 from the general fund of the state to pay for the program.

1 A person who ranked in the upper 25 percent of their class  
2 at the end of grade 12 is eligible for a scholarship of up to  
3 \$2,000 and all other Iowa high school graduates are eligible  
4 for a scholarship up to \$1,000.

5 By June 30 of the school year in which a student completes  
6 grade 12, each accredited public and nonpublic secondary  
7 school in Iowa is directed to include in each student's  
8 transcript the student's class percentile rank.

9 A person may apply to the commission for an Iowa wins  
10 scholarship at any time within one year following the person's  
11 graduation from high school. However, once approved for a  
12 scholarship under this section, the person may receive Iowa  
13 wins scholarship moneys for not more than 12 months.

14 The amount of an Iowa wins scholarship shall not exceed the  
15 total tuition and mandatory fees.

16 Scholarship moneys may be awarded for full-time or part-  
17 time study during the fall, spring, or summer semesters, or  
18 the trimester or quarter equivalent.

19 If a recipient of Iowa wins scholarship moneys issued in  
20 accordance with this section is dismissed or withdraws from  
21 the postsecondary institution before completion of the term,  
22 the award, or the portion of the award that conforms with that  
23 institution's accepted policy of refunds, shall be refunded to  
24 the commission.

25 The commission is directed, under the bill, to report  
26 annually to the governor and general assembly.

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