

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

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The Iowa College Student Aid Commission (ICSAC) supports postsecondary education in Iowa by:

1. Administering student financing to achieve access and academic choice, recognition, and professional staffing in critical shortage fields.
2. Publicly recognizing academic excellence.
3. Disbursing coordinated information concerning student aid programs, savings plans, and Iowa's postsecondary education.
4. Effectively and efficiently administering existing programs which have been authorized by state and federal governments.
5. Continually evaluating and promoting changes to improve student assistance programs.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission (ICSAC) is the only state agency responsible for planning and administering programs of assistance to both public and private colleges and universities throughout Iowa. Represented on the 12-member commission are the Board of Regents, the Department of Education, Iowa private colleges and universities, the Vocational Education Advisory Council, each house of the Iowa Legislature, Iowa lending institutions, Iowa students, the Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation, and the general public. The lender, student, general public and private college representatives are appointed by the governor. The director of the Department of Education serves by virtue of office. The remaining four members are appointed by the bodies they represent.

Established in April 1964, to implement the federal assistance program for construction of academic facilities provided by the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, the commission now administers the programs described below.

State of Iowa Scholarship

In May 1965, the Iowa Legislature authorized establishment of a state-supported scholarship fund. The fund was enhanced in 1988, making every state of Iowa scholar eligible for a monetary award ranging from \$125 to \$500 per academic year. The state appropriation for awards in 1990-1991 was \$1,023,840. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic ability and high school curriculum. Certificates of achievement are awarded to schools as recognition by the state of Iowa for their academic accomplishments.

Iowa Stafford Student Loan Program

This program was implemented in 1979 and allows students to borrow from commercial lending institutions at a low rate of interest to meet educational expenses at a postsecondary educational institution. The loans are insured by ICSAC and reinsured by the federal government under the terms of agreement between the secretary of education and the ICSAC.

Iowa PLUS/SLS Program

This program was implemented in 1982. The Iowa PLUS/SLS Program permits parents and eligible students to secure long-term loans at reasonable interest rates from commercial lending institutions to cover postsecondary educational expenses. The loans are insured by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission and reinsured by the federal government under the terms of agreement between the secretary of education and ICSAC.

Iowa Tuition Grant Program

In 1969, the General Assembly established the Iowa Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance for Iowa students enrolled in Iowa's private colleges and universities. Funding for this program in 1990-1991 was \$32,512,800 with a maximum grant of \$2,650. The amount of the grant, based on the student's estimated financial need, is limited to tuition and fees minus the average that the student would pay at a state university.

Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program

This program was established in 1973 to provide financial assistance to needy Iowa resident students enrolled in vocational-technical or career option courses at public community colleges in the state. Qualified students may receive a maximum of \$600 per year. In 1990-1991, the program was funded at \$1,330,647 in state funds, supplemented by federal SSIG funds.

Iowa Work-Study Program

In 1987, the General Assembly established the Iowa Work-Study Program to provide funding for work-study jobs for Iowa residents attending Iowa schools. Funding for 1990-1991 was \$3,170,000 supplemented by federal SSIG funds.

Iowa Heritage Corps

The Iowa Heritage Corps is a college work-study associated program which provides student internships in jobs which promote public awareness of, and appreciation for, Iowa natural and cultural heritage. Funding for 1990-1991 was \$40,000.

State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG)

This federal program of matching funds for state scholarships and grants was authorized in the Education Amendments of 1972, but was not funded until fiscal 1974. These funds are used primarily to supplement the state appropriations for Iowa Work-Study Awards and Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grants. In 1990-1991, the Iowa allocation was \$635,872.

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

In cooperation with the National Center for Education Statistics, the commission coordinates annual collection of data from Iowa postsecondary schools. An annual digest based on the IPEDS data is published by the commission and provided to the Coordinating Council of Postsecondary Education, Iowa postsecondary schools, state planners and members of the General Assembly.

Aid to Medical Schools: Osteopathic subvention, and Forgivable Loans

Since 1976, two programs have been implemented to provide state assistance to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences (UOMHS) for the education of Iowa residents. These programs are intended to expand medical opportunities for Iowans and increase the number of physicians locating in Iowa. The subvention program is a payment to UOMHS to cover administrative costs associated with Iowa students. Funding for 1990-1991 was \$497,000.

The forgivable loan program was established to encourage students to practice medicine in the state of Iowa. Eligible students may borrow \$3,500 per year of study. The forgiveness element is met by the borrower practicing medicine in Iowa on a full-time basis, for one year for every year a loan is received. Funding for 1990-1991 was \$497,000.

Iowa Guaranteed Student Loan Payment Program

This program implemented in 1983, was established to assist individuals in areas of targeted employment to repay their Iowa Guaranteed Student Loans (Stafford, PLUS/SLS). The Guaranteed Student Loan Repayment Program was initiated to provide an incentive for new teachers of physics, chemistry and advanced mathematics to pursue teaching opportunities in Iowa. In fiscal 1989 and fiscal 1990, the General Assembly expanded the program to include the following employment areas: occupational therapists, National Guardspersons, and nurses. Funding for 1990-1991 was \$670,100.

Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program

This federal program was established in 1986 to provide scholarships to students who pursue teaching careers at the elementary or secondary school level. Recipients are obligated to teach in return for the assistance they received. Funding for 1990-1991 was \$169,583.

Iowa Minority Grants for Economic Success (IMAGES) Program

During the 1989 state legislative session, this need-based grant program was implemented to assist minority Iowans in meeting the costs of their postsecondary education at the state universities and eligible private institutions. The ICSAC oversees the administration of the funding appropriated to the private institutions. Funding for private institutions in 1990-1991 was \$400,000.

Iowa Grants

The Iowa Grants Program was enacted in 1990 to provide grants to Iowa resident undergraduate students attending a regents university, community college or accredited independent college or university. This statewide nonsector-based grant program provides need-based awards of up to \$1,000. The 1990-1991 appropriation was \$1,350,000.

Access to Education Grant

The Access to Education Program was enacted by the 1990 General Assembly to provide grants of up to \$250 to resident students attending a community college who fail to qualify for a federal Pell grants, but who have a moderate Pell Grant Index (2101-2520). Funding for 1990-1991 was \$500,000.

Aid for Displaced Workers

This program provides tuition and fee assistance to Iowa resident employees displaced by the closing of hog slaughtering facilities in Perry, Cedar Rapids, and Albert Lea, Minnesota. Eligible individuals may receive retraining grants not exceeding the amount of tuition and fees at their school of attendance or the maximum tuition and fees at a community college. Appropriation for 1990-1991 was \$500,000.

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The Department of Commerce was created to coordinate and administer the various regulatory, service, and licensing functions of the state relating to the conducting of business or commerce in the state.

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The department consists of the Office of Administrative Services and the following divisions:

Administrative Services

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Administrative Services provide data processing, personnel, payroll, and shared administrative support services for the department, and coordinates the development of the department's finances. The office is headed by the deputy director who is appointed by the director, and who serves as acting director during his absence.