

belong to the same political party, and its membership shall represent as wide an area as practical. The executive director is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The mission of the commission is to eliminate discrimination within the state of Iowa. A credible commission that enforces the Iowa Civil Rights Act ensures that Iowa has a diverse and inclusive workforce and a more welcoming business environment as well as ensuring that all Iowans have equal access to housing and services.

## COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

§261.1

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Doug Shull.....	Indianola.....	June 30, 2019
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The Iowa College Student Aid Commission is a state agency with a long-standing commitment to helping Iowans pursue education beyond high school. Established in 1963 by the Iowa General Assembly to implement the federal assistance program for construction of academic facilities provided by the Higher Education Act of 1963, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission now administers state scholarships, grants, and loan forgiveness programs; manages registration of postsecondary institutions; conducts research and distributes higher education data; offers Iowans assistance in obtaining student financial aid and college-related information; and provides outreach services to Iowa's students and families as they explore, finance, and complete educational opportunities beyond high school.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission works with all sectors of higher education and with the state's K – 12 system. A board of commissioners governs the operation of the commission. As specified by Iowa law, 15 commissioners are appointed to represent the Board of Regents, the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa independent colleges and universities, Iowa community colleges, each house of the General Assembly, Iowa parents of postsecondary students, Iowa postsecondary students, K – 12 practitioners and the general public. The Governor appoints those commissioners representing parents, students, K – 12 practitioners, independent colleges, community colleges, and the general public. The Director of the Department of Education serves by virtue of office, and the Board of Regents appoints a representative. Four members are appointed by the General Assembly.

**Scholarship, Grant, and Loan Repayment Programs** – By providing Iowa students with nearly \$65 million in Iowa general fund appropriations under need-based scholarship, grant, and loan

repayment programs, the commission supports Iowans as they explore, finance, and complete educational opportunities beyond high school. The commission-administered need-based programs provided nearly 22,000 awards to Iowa students in fiscal year (FY) 2016. Scholarship and grant dollars assist students pursuing degrees at Iowa colleges and universities while loan repayment funds help repay outstanding federal student loan debts for Iowans employed in specified shortage areas.

- **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 independent colleges and universities. Funding for this program for FY 2017 totaled \$48,939,681 for students attending not-for-profit institutions and \$1,975,000 for students attending for-profit institutions. The maximum grant for FY 2017 was \$5,650.
- **Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program** – In 1973, the Iowa General Assembly established the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance to needy Iowa resident students enrolled in vocational-technical or career option courses at Iowa's community colleges. The maximum award for FY 2017 was \$1,200. For FY 2017, program funding totaled \$2,250,185.
- **All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program** – In 2007, the General Assembly established the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to access college education to Iowa resident students who do well in high school and demonstrate financial need. For FY 2017, qualified students received maximum awards of \$8,368 at eligible four-year institutions and up to full tuition at Iowa community colleges. For FY 2017, program funding totaled \$2,840,854.
- **Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program** – Established in 1996, the Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program provides funding to members of the Iowa National Guard to help cover the costs of attending Iowa colleges and universities. During FY 2017, eligible members of the Iowa National Guard received maximum grants of \$7,108 from an appropriation that totaled \$2,100,000.
- **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 colleges and universities. The work-study program has not been funded since FY 2009.
- **Des Moines University Health Care Professional Recruitment Program** – The Health Care Professional Recruitment Program is a loan repayment benefit offered to D.O., D.P.M., D.P.T., and P.A. graduates of Des Moines University who agree to work full-time in high-need Iowa communities for four years. Program funding for FY 2017 totaled \$400,973.
- **Loan Forgiveness Programs** – The commission administers loan forgiveness programs for physicians, teachers, nurses, and nurse educators. Fiscal year 2017 funding for these programs included \$392,452 for the Iowa Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program, \$80,806 for the Registered Nurse and Nurse Education Loan Forgiveness Program, and \$1,705,823 for the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program.
- **Skilled Workforce Shortage (Kibbie) Grant Program** – The Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant Program, commonly known as the Kibbie Grant, was established in 2013 to provide need-based financial assistance of up to one-half of the tuition and fees at Iowa community colleges. The grant assists students in career-technical or career option programs in industries identified as having shortages of skilled workers. Program funding for FY 2017 totaled \$5,000,000.

**Federal Grant Program – Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Iowa Grant** – The GEAR UP Iowa Grant is a \$22 million, seven-year federal grant. Working with a cohort of nearly 6,000 students, GEAR UP Iowa's mission is to provide statewide and school-based services to significantly increase the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The program follows the cohort of students through its first year in college and culminates with a GEAR UP Iowa scholarship.

**Community Engagement Programs** – The commission funds projects that increase college awareness, provide professional development opportunities for counselors and educators, and support projects surrounding career planning strategies and college awareness and readiness.

**Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Program** – In 1998, the General Assembly requested that the commission administer the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship. Recipients receive one-time awards based on participation at the Iowa State Fair.

**Postsecondary Registration** – The commission is responsible for registering postsecondary institutions and other instructional schools under Iowa Code chapters 261B, 261G, and 714. Iowa Code chapter 261B requires a school to register if it conducts a program resulting in a postsecondary educational credential offered in Iowa, or if it has a presence in this state and offers a program resulting in a postsecondary educational credential in other states or foreign countries. Iowa Code chapter 261B allows Iowa colleges and universities to register if they want to participate in a commission-approved state authorization reciprocity agreement. Iowa Code section 714.18 requires every person, firm, association, or corporation that maintains or conducts in Iowa a postsecondary educational course, or solicits in Iowa the sale of such a course, to provide evidence of financial responsibility to the commission.

**Training and Research** – The commission provides training relating to federal and state regulatory and compliance issues. The commission works with all sectors of higher education in Iowa and is uniquely positioned to provide unbiased information on a wide variety of topics related to higher education in Iowa. The commission collects and maintains data on state scholarships and grants, college costs, student loans, and Iowa postsecondary preparation. The data and reports are made available in the Higher Education Data Center on the commission’s Internet site.

**The Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP)** – From 1979 to 2010, the commission insured more than \$7.2 billion in federal loans for Iowa students and parents. The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA), which dealt with student loan reform, eliminated the commission’s authority to originate new loans through FFELP.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN AUTHORITY

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