

Iowa College Aid Commission

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The Iowa College Aid Commission 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 11 member commission are the Board of Regents, the Department of Public Instruction, the Iowa private colleges and universities, the Vocational Education Advisory Council, each house of the Legislature, Iowa lending institutions, Iowa students, and the general public. The lender, student, general public and private college representatives are appointed by the governor. The state superintendent of public instruction 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:

Grants for Academic Facilities and Instructional Equipment

The commission receives applications from colleges and universities for federal funds under Titles VII A and VI B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, verifies their eligibility and assigns relative priorities for grants. On the basis of these priority ratings, the commission then recommends to the U.S. Office of Education the distribution of Iowa's allotted funds. The funds are used in the construction or remodeling of classroom, laboratory, library and administration facilities, and for classroom equipment.

State Of Iowa Scholarships

In May 1965, the Legislature authorized establishment of a state-supported scholarship fund. Appropriations for awards in 1980-81 were \$350,000 in state funds equally matched by federal funds. Monetary recipients are selected on the basis of academic ability and financial need. Certificates of Achievement are awarded to applicants who demonstrate high academic achievement.

Iowa Guaranteed Student Loan Program

This program, implemented in 1979, permits students to borrow from commercial lending institutions at a low rate of interest subsidized by the federal government on easy repayment terms. The loans are insured by the Iowa College Aid Commission and reinsured by the Federal government under the terms of an agreement with the ICAC.

Comprehensive Planning

Federal grants are allotted annually under Title XII, Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for the purpose of comprehensive planning in higher education. The commission has used these funds for a wide range of studies in support of statewide planning at Iowa's colleges and universities. Study projects completed include facilities inventories, enrollment projections, needs of the disadvantaged student, surveys of student plans for postsecondary education, financial needs, nontraditional education resources and needs, and many other topics. These funds are currently being used for statewide coordination of the Iowa Lifelong Learning Project.

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 1980-81 was \$14,750,000, with a maximum grant of \$1,700. 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

The 65th General Assembly established the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program to provide financial assistance to needy Iowa resident students enrolled in vocational-technical courses at public area schools in the state. Qualified students may receive a maximum of \$400 per year. In 1980-81, the program was funded at \$450,000 in state funds equally matched by federal funds.

State Student Incentive Grants

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 year 1974. These funds have been used primarily to supplement the state appropriations for State of Iowa Scholarships and Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grants. In 1980-81, the Iowa allocation was \$858,961.

Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS)

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 HEGIS data is published by the Commission.

Osteopathic Subvention Program

The Commission supervises payment of state funds to the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines. These funds, totaling \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 1981 and \$450,000 in fiscal year 1982 require that Iowa residents comprise at least 30 percent of each class.

Optometric Training Program

The commission is authorized to contract with colleges of optometry in other states for admission of Iowa residents.

National Guard Education Benefits

The program, established in 1978, provides grants of up to \$250 per year toward the educational expenses of enlisted members of the Iowa National Guard. Recipients must be enrolled in at least a half-time program as undergraduates at an eligible Iowa postsecondary institution.

Podiatric Training Program

The commission is authorized to contract with colleges of podiatry in other states for admission of Iowa residents.

State Student Financial Aid Training Program

The commission administers federal grants under Title IV, Higher Education Act of 1965, to design and develop training programs for college financial aid administrators.

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