

# CHAPTER 7

## ALL IOWA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Overview

The All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (AIOS) Program is a statewide need-based grant program that assists high-need Iowa residents with the cost of postsecondary education. Awards are prorated for students enrolling on a less than full-time basis.

**Date Established:** May, 2007

### Funding:

<b>ALL IOWA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING HISTORY</b>		
<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>STATE APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>
@2007-08	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
@*2008-09	\$3,440,000	\$3,440,000
**2009-10	\$2,502,537	\$2,502,537
2010-11	\$2,413,949	\$2,413,949
2011-12	\$2,240,854	\$2,240,854
2012-13	\$2,240,854	\$2,240,854
2013-14	\$2,240,854	\$2,240,854
2014-15	\$2,240,854	\$2,240,854
#2015-16	\$2,740,854	\$2,740,854
2016-17	\$2,840,854	\$2,840,854
&2017-18	\$2,840,854	\$2,840,854
2018-19	\$2,840,854	\$2,840,854

@Original appropriation included \$500,000 earmark for Foster Care Grant Program. Earmarked funds are not included in the appropriation above.

\*Reduced by 1.5% due to mid-year across the board cut.

\*\* Reduced by 10% due to across the board cut on 10/8/09. Backfill appropriation added \$250,254 on 10/28/09.

#Program changed to provide students the option of receiving the scholarship over one academic year or two.

&Students participating in All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant were added as priority group and the Scholarship changed to a maximum of 8 full-time semesters

## **A. ELIGIBILITY**

### **1. College and University**

The Code of Iowa limits eligibility to Iowa colleges and universities accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities (HLC). HLC candidates are not eligible.

Students attending the colleges and universities listed on the following page are eligible to receive All Iowa Opportunity Scholarships.

<b>All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Participating Colleges and Universities</b>	
<b><u>Regent Institutions</u></b>	
Iowa State University University of Iowa University of Northern Iowa	Ames Iowa City Cedar Falls
<b><u>Private Colleges and Universities</u></b>	
Allen College Briar Cliff University Buena Vista University	Waterloo Sioux City Storm Lake
Central College Clarke University Coe College Cornell College	Pella Dubuque Cedar Rapids Mount Vernon
Dordt College Drake University Emmaus Bible College Faith Baptist Bible College	Sioux Center Des Moines Dubuque Ankeny
Graceland University Grand View University Grinnell College Iowa Wesleyan University Loras College Luther College	Lamoni Des Moines Grinnell Mt. Pleasant Dubuque Decorah
Maharishi University of Management Mercy College of Health Sciences Morningside College Mount Mercy University Northwestern College	Fairfield Des Moines Sioux City Cedar Rapids Orange City
St. Ambrose University St. Luke's College Simpson College	Davenport Sioux City Indianola
University of Dubuque Upper Iowa University Wartburg College William Penn University	Dubuque Fayette Waverly Oskaloosa
<b><u>Proprietary Colleges</u></b>	
Waldorf University	Forest City
<b><u>Community Colleges</u></b>	
Des Moines Area Community College Eastern Iowa Community College Hawkeye Community College Indian Hills Community College Iowa Central Community College	Des Moines Clinton, Muscatine, Bettendorf Waterloo Centerville, Ottumwa Fort Dodge
Iowa Lakes Community College Iowa Valley Community College Iowa Western Community College Kirkwood Community College North Iowa Area Community College	Estherville Ellsworth, Marshalltown Council Bluffs Cedar Rapids Mason City
Northeast Iowa Community College Northwest Iowa Community College Southeastern Community College Southwestern Community College Western Iowa Tech Community College	Calmar, Peosta Sheldon Burlington Creston Sioux City

## 2. Student

In addition to the general eligibility requirements found in Chapter 1, an eligible AIOS recipient must be planning to enroll at least part-time (3 hours minimum) in an undergraduate degree program, diploma or certificate program at an eligible Iowa college or university.

The student applicant must enroll at an eligible institution for the first time as a regular student within two academic years of high school graduation and must continuously receive an AIOS award during the 9-month academic year to maintain future eligibility.

Recipients of the AIOS may renew their scholarship for up to 8 semesters (or the quarter equivalent) as long as they continue to meet AIOS eligibility criteria. Part-time students may receive up to 16 semesters (or the quarter equivalent) in assistance. Full-time and part-time semesters will be calculated using enrollment statuses reported by college and university officials in the Iowa College Aid Processing System (ICAPS®).

ICAPS® determines the semester maximum by the usage of points. AIOS has a maximum limit of 4 points. The following chart indicates the point values given per term based on the enrollment status indicated in ICAPS®.

<b>Points Established by Enrollment Status</b>			
<b>Enrollment Status</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester Points</b>	<b>Quarter Points</b>
Full-time (F)	12+	.5	.333
Three-quarter time (P)	9-11	.375	.25
Half-time (H)	6-8	.25	.167
Less-than-half-time (L)	3-5	.125	.083

## **B. APPLICATION PROCESS**

First-time applicants must complete both the Iowa Financial Aid Application and must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as described in Chapter 1. Recipients must be on-time applicants - those meeting Iowa College Student Aid Commission's (Iowa College Aid) March 1 deadline.

Students renewing their AIOS award must file the FAFSA by March 1. It is not necessary for the student to submit an Iowa Financial Aid Application.

### **C. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarships are awarded by Iowa College Aid to on-time applicants whose EFC levels are at or below the parameter defined by Iowa College Aid. If all applicants cannot be served due to funding limitations, priority will be given to:

1. Eligible foster care students
2. Eligible dependents of deceased public safety officers
3. Eligible AIOS renewal students
4. Students in certain TRIO programs and students who graduated from an alternative high school or participated in eligible alternative high school programs
5. Students in Federal Gear Up programs

In the event all students in a given priority group can't be funded, applicants will be ranked by EFC (lowest to highest). If all applicants with a given EFC cannot be funded, those applicants will be ranked by the date of submission of the AIOS application (earliest to latest).

**The maximum EFC for the AIOS for the 2018-2019 academic year is \$9,064.**

Iowa College and university officials can access a designated roster of AIOS recipients by logging in to ICAPS® and clicking on 'Rosters'. Only students on the 'Designated' roster can receive an AIOS payment. College and university officials should use the awarding instructions in this chapter, in conjunction with general guidance in Chapters 1-3, to award AIOS.

### **D. AWARD AMOUNTS AND LIMITS**

The 2018-2019 maximum AIOS award is **\$4,532** for students enrolled full-time. Part-time students may receive assistance prorated based on their enrollment level. All Iowa Opportunity Scholarships are not available for summer terms.

Payments are credited to student accounts on a per term basis by college or university officials.

The following chart provides the maximum All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship award allowed per enrollment level based on the maximum award of **\$4,532**.

Enrollment Level	Semester	Quarter
Full-time (12+ credits)	\$2,266	\$1,511 /1,511 /1,510
Three-quarter time (9, 10, 11 credits)	\$1,700 /\$1,699	\$1,133
Half – time (6, 7, 8 credits)	\$1,133	\$756 /755 /755
Less-than-half-time (3, 4, 5 credits)	\$ 567 /566	\$ 378 /378/ 377

If the award breakdown in the chart above results in different amounts per term, the higher dollar award should be provided in the first term of enrollment.

#### E. AWARD NOTIFICATION

College officials must provide award notices to all AIOS recipients. Award notices must clearly indicate the award amount and will include the following award notification statement:

**“In the event that available state funds are insufficient to pay the full amount of each approved grant, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission has the authority to administratively reduce the award.”**

#### F. RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY

Financial need is determined annually on the basis of a new FAFSA filed by the applicant. Scholarship recipients will be considered for subsequent AIOS awards if the recipient completes the FAFSA by March 1 and continues to meet all other AIOS eligibility requirements.

#### **G. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

Chapter 3 provides a complete description of the payment process. AIOS is a need-based program and payments may be applied to any expense within the student's Cost of Attendance.

#### **H. CHANGES/CORRECTIONS**

Any award changes must be provided to Iowa College Aid staff electronically via ICAPS®.

#### **I. VERIFICATION/COMPLIANCE**

College officials are responsible for completing required federal verification procedures and for coordinating all aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility and allowable award amounts.

One disbursement of state-funded student financial aid may be made prior to completing the verification process as long as college or university officials have no reason to believe application information is inaccurate. If verification indicates that students are ineligible for aid, refunds must be made to state-funded programs.