# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## October 30, 2026

Iowa Department of Education State Board Room
400 E. 14th Street, 2nd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Oct. 30, 2026 Agenda
Grimes State Office Building, 10:00 a.m.

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| Agenda Item | Action | Lead |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Welcome & Roll Call | NO | Division Administrator Gieseke |
| 2. Meeting Minutes (May 1) | YES | Division Administrator Gieseke |
| 3. Commissioner Updates<br>a. Election of Officers | YES | Division Administrator Gieseke |
| b. Committee Assignments | YES | Chair |
| c. Requirement to Annually Designate Location of Posting of Meeting Notice and Agenda | YES | Attorney Holck |
| 4. Administrative Rules<br>a. Notice of Intended Action<br>i. Chapters 10, 11, 13, 17, 22, 26, and 28 | YES | Attorney Holck |
| 5. Staff Reports<br>a. Higher Education and Postsecondary Readiness Division | NO | Division Administrator Gieseke |
| b. Financial Aid | NO | Bureau Chief Zantingh |
| c. Postsecondary Authorization | NO | Compliance Officer Keyli Keifer |
| d. Postsecondary Community Engagement | NO | Bureau Chief Sibaouih |
| e. Finances | NO | Bureau Chief Ntem |
| 6. NCHEMS Report: Higher Education and Workforce Alignment in Iowa | NO | Division Administrator Gieseke |
| 7. Commissioner Comments | NO | Chair |
| 8. Adjournment | NO | |

Next Meeting: January 29, 2027

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## Welcome and Roll Call

Division Administrator Gieseke will start the meeting off with a roll call.

| **Voting members:** | **Ex officio members:** |
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| Commissioner Lebeda | Commissioner Gehlbach |
| Commissioner Limbert | Commissioner Green |
| Commissioner Shull | Commissioner Howsare Boyens |
| Commissioner Sloniker | Commissioner Lacy |
| Commissioner Smith | Commissioner Levin |
| Director Snow | Commissioner Putnam |
| Commissioner Staker | Commissioner Quirmbach |
| VACANT Commissioner (parent) | |

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the meeting minutes from the May 1, 2026 Commission Meeting.

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Iowa College Aid Commission Meeting

May 1, 2026

## Call to Order

The Iowa College Aid Commission met May 1, 2026, at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes State Office Building. Chair Emily Stork called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with introductions and roll call. There was a quorum with seven voting members present.

## Members Present

Emily Stork
Matthew Limbert
Doug Shull
McKenzie Snow
Megan Lebeda
Mark Putnam (ex officio)
Barbara Sloniker
Elinor Levin (ex officio)
Herman Quirmbach (ex officio)
Benjamin Smith

## Members Absent

Dan Gehlbach (ex officio)
Stephen Lacy (ex officio)
Jesse Green (ex officio)
Anne Howsare Boyens (ex officio)

## Staff Present

Shantel Billington
Katrina Holck
Lisa Kneip Pundt
Trish Morris
Christina Sibaouih
Nathan Svare
Ryan Zantingh
Tracy Davis
Keyli Keifer
Tristan Lynn
Jesse Robbins
Megan Sibbel
Anne Thomas
Amy Gieseke
Ty Patton
Amber Miller
Kayli Sampson
Amy Smith
Julie Voss

Chair Stork presented the minutes from the March 6, 2026 board meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the meeting minutes.
Motion: Commissioner Sloniker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## Director's Updates

Director McKenzie Snow provided the Director's Updates.

## Bureau Leadership Updates

Section Chief Christina Sibaouih and Section Chief Ryan Zantingh provided the Bureau Leadership Updates.

## FY 2027 Commission Meeting Dates

Chair Stork recommended that the following dates be approved for the FY 2027 meeting dates:

- July 17, 2026
- Oct. 30, 2026
- Jan. 29, 2027
- May 7, 2027

Motion: Commissioner Sloniker moved to approve the proposed FY 2027 meeting dates.
Motion: Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## Iowa Take 2, Hawkeye Community College

Section Chief Christina Sibaouih introduced President Todd Holcomb and Keri Kono from Hawkeye Community College to who provided an overview of the Take 2 Program and Pathways to Completion.

## Staff Reports

Section Chief Ryan Zantingh provided updates on the Financial Aid and Income Bonus Programs, as well as Program Evaluation and Reporting.

Student Financial Aid Program Specialist Tristan Lynn provided an update on the Financial Aid Application process.

Postsecondary Authorization Administrator Lisa Pundt provided an update on Postsecondary Authorization.

Section Chief Sibaouih provided updates related to Community Engagement, including:

- GEAR UP Iowa
- Course to College
- Course to College Coaching - AmeriCorps
- Local College/Career Access Networks

Accountant 2 Billington presented the Financial Report.

## Committee Reports

The following committee updates were reported:

- Executive Committee
    - Chair Stork shared there was no update.
- Program Oversight Committee
    - Vice Chair Shull shared there was no update.
- Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee
    - Commissioner Sloniker shared there was no update.

## Commissioner Comments and Adjournment

Commissioners shared and discussed comments.

Chair Stork shared that the next board meeting will be July 17, 2026 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Department of Education, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Chair Stork adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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Chair Vice Chair

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## Commissioner Updates

Division Administrator Gieseke will solicit recommendations for officers.

Recommended Action: Nominate and approve the following officers for FY27

- Chair: Doug Shull
- Vice Chair: Matthew Limbert

The new chair will solicit recommendations for committee assignments. A voting member of the Commission shall serve as the chair of each committee.

Recommended Action: Identify and approve the Program Oversight Committee for FY27

- Chair
- Voting
- Ex officio
    - Anne Howsare Boyens
    - Stephen Lacy
    - Mark Putnam
- Staff
    - Christina Sibaouih

Recommended Action: Identify and approve the Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee for FY27

- Chair
- Voting
- Ex officio
    - Dan Gehlbach
    - Jesse Green
    - Elinor Levin
    - Herman Quirmbach
- Staff
    - Katrina Holck
    - Ryan Zantingh

Note: The Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Chair of the Program Oversight Committee
- Chair of the Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee

**Compliance Update: New Public Notice Requirements under HF 2490 (Iowa Code § 21.4)**

House File 2490 - Public Meetings and Records

Modifies requirements for providing notice of the time, date and place of a meeting held by a governmental body. A governmental body must continue to give notice of the meeting by:

- Advising news media who have filed a request for notice.
- Posting the notice in a prominent and conspicuous place which, per the act, is annually designated for such purposes by the governmental body in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times.
- Per the Act, posting the notice on the primary internet site of the governmental body.

Requires that a posted tentative agenda that is modified within 24 hours of commencement of the public meeting is to be marked as amended, with the amended agenda items identified as such. After amending an agenda, the governmental body shall provide notice per the procedures described above.

Specifies that all reasonable expenses charged by the lawful custodian of a public record for the examination and copying of public records shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy the public record.

Specifies that the following personal information in confidential personnel records of government bodies shall be considered public records:

- The last date the individual, who resigned from or was discharged by the government body, performed work or actively carried out essential functions of the position.
- The amount of moneys and public benefits provided to the individual for any continuation of pay, severance, or other compensation or benefits in excess of the amounts owed for work performed by the individual prior to the individual's last day as an employee.

Authorizes the district court to grant an injunction restraining the right of a person found to be a vexatious requester to examine public records from a specific government body, or may impose reasonable limitations on the manner, frequency, or scope of such requests, if the petition for injunction meets the requirements specified in the Act.

Defines vexatious conduct for purposes of public records requests, and specifies that vexatious conduct does not include solely a large volume of requests made by a person or a representative of the news media.

**Recommended Action**: Approve that the front doors to the Grimes Building be the location the meeting notice and agenda are posted prior to FY2027 meetings.

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## Administrative Rule for Notice

Attorney Katrina Holck will provide an overview of the administrative rules for notice.

The purpose of this briefing is to present proposed administrative rule updates to align agency operations with recent statutory changes enacted by the Iowa General Assembly. Approval is requested to initiate formal rulemaking for amendments to Chapters 10, 11, 13, 17, 28, and the creation of new Chapters 22 and 26. The majority of these revisions are strictly mandated under House Files 2783, 703, and 2770 to transition legislative intent into operational policy. Additionally, this package includes one non-mandated update to Chapter 17 (Health Care Professional Incentive Program). This change was deemed necessary after the first year of program implementation.

Recommended Action includes:

- amend Chapter 10 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 703
- rescind Chapter 11, “Iowa Tuition Grant Program – For-Profit Institutions”
- amend Chapter 13 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783
- amend the rules governing Chapter 17, the “Health Care Professional Incentive Program”
- adopt the new Chapter 22 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, “Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Grant”
- adopt new Chapter 26 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2770, division III
- amend Chapter 28 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783

## COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to uniform policies – offer of financial aid**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 10, "Uniform Policies," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 10 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 703. The purpose of this amendment is to add a definition of "offer of financial aid" (also referred to as "financial aid offer") to Chapter 10 of the College Student Aid Commission's administrative rules. The amendment provides clarity and consistency in the interpretation and application of financial aid-related provisions administered by the Commission.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

**Commented [LS1]:** My assumption is that since the College Student Aid Commission is the agency responsible for the rulemaking (and RA 26-305 through RA 26-311), references to "the Department" should be changed to "the Commission" throughout. Would you like me to change them back to "the Department"?

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7-2504.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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*Public Hearing*

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Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Offer of financial aid" in rule **283—10.2(256)**:

*"Offer of financial aid"* or *"financial aid offer"* means notices of eligibility for grants, loans, student employment or other assistance that are prepared based on a student's submitted Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Iowa Financial Aid Application, or other application that is used to measure the financial need of an applicant.

# COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

## Notice of Intended Action

## Proposing rulemaking related to Iowa tuition grant program – for-profit institutions

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 11, "Iowa Tuition Grant Program – For-Profit Institutions," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.191.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178 and 256.191.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind Chapter 11 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, relating to the administration of the Iowa Tuition Grant Program under Iowa Code section 256.191. The rescission removes eligibility for students enrolled in for-profit postsecondary institutions, consistent with statutory changes enacted by the General Assembly.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

*Regulatory Analysis*

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- October 20, 2026

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*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 11**.

## COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant program**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 13, "Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.192.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.192.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 13 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, relating to the administration of the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program. The amendments expand program access to eligible programs at Iowa barbering and cosmetology schools. The rulemaking ensures that program administration aligns with current law and provides clear guidance regarding eligibility, application, and award processes.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 283—13.1(256) as follows:

**283—13.1(256) Basis of aid.** Assistance available under the Iowa vocational-technical tuition grant program is tuition-restricted and is also based on the financial metric and financial need of Iowa residents enrolled in eligible programs of study at Iowa community colleges or eligible programs of study at licensed Iowa barbering and cosmetology colleges.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 283—13.3(256) as follows:

**Commented [LS1]:** I broke this down into three separate items and tried to eliminate as much unchanged text as possible from the rulemaking.

**283—13.3(256) Eligible applicant.** An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident who is enrolled at least part-time in a program of study that is classified as a career and technical education program by the Iowa department of education or a barbering cosmetology arts and sciences program; meets the award eligibility criteria; and meets the following provisions:

1. and 2. No change.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 283—13.4(256) as follows:

**283—13.4(256) Awarding of funds.**

**13.4(1)** No change.

**13.4(2)** *Extent of award and maximum award.* Eligible applicants may receive no more than the equivalent of four full-time awards. If the program of study cannot be completed by the eligible applicant within the extent of the award, the eligible applicant may qualify for the equivalent of one additional full-time award. These limits reset after two years of no postsecondary enrollment, pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.192(3)*"b."*

*a.* The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the student's financial need and may be the lesser of:

(1) The difference between the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books and supplies, as determined by the commission, and the amount of the federal Pell Grant for which the student qualifies,

(2) $1,200 for students enrolled in community colleges,

(3) $6,000 for students enrolled in barbering and cosmetology colleges and programs,

~~(3)~~ (4) An award amount established by the commission that allows all eligible applicants to receive an award.

*b.* and *c.* No change.

**13.4(3)** *Awarding process.*

*a.* The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating ~~Iowa community~~ colleges annually to authorize awarding.

*b.* The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide ~~Iowa community colleges~~ participating institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

*c.* ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will notify recipients of the awards, clearly indicating the award amount and the state program from which funding is being provided and stating that the award is contingent on the availability of state funds.

*d.* ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will apply awards directly to student accounts to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

*e.* ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment, program of study, and financial situation, and promptly report those changes to the commission.

*f.* ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. ~~Iowa community colleges~~ Participating institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

*g.* The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of ~~Iowa community colleges~~ participating ~~in this program~~ institutions with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.192 and this rule.

# COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

## Notice of Intended Action

## Proposing rulemaking related to health care professional incentive program

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 17, "Health Care Professional Incentive Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.222.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.222.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to amend the rules governing the Health Care Professional Incentive Program to clarify program requirements and establish a more targeted process for prioritizing awards. The proposed amendments add a definition of "full-time" to provide greater clarity and consistency regarding the employment commitment required of participating health care professionals. The proposed amendments also change the method for prioritizing awards from the date an application is received to the geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

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*Public Comment*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Full-time," in rule **283—17.1(256)**:

*"Full-time"* means an average of 40 hours of qualifying service per week or the standard full-time schedule established by the employer for the eligible health care professional's discipline.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 17.2(3) as follows:

**17.2(3)** *Priority for awards.* If funding is insufficient to award all eligible applicants, new awards will be made to eligible applicants in order of the following priority categories:

*a.* Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or of a clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a full-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

*b.* Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a full-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

*c.* Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a part-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

*d.* Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a part-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized ~~by the date of application~~ based on geographic need for the applicable health care provider type.

# COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

## Notice of Intended Action

## Proposing rulemaking related to advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement grant

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to adopt the new Chapter 22, "Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Grant," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.146.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.146.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes administrative requirements for the Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Grant Program administered by the Department of Education. The program provides grants to teachers licensed by the Board of Educational Examiners to offset costs associated with obtaining an Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.146(21).

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

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Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** 283—Chapter 22:

CHAPTER 22

ADVANCED DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT GRANT

**283—22.1(261) Basis for aid.** Assistance to teachers licensed by the board of educational examiners is intended to offset the costs associated with obtaining an advanced dyslexia

specialist endorsement issued by the board of educational examiners pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.146.

**283—22.2(261) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

*"Eligible institution"* means an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents or an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 256.183.

*"Eligible program"* means a program that results in the issuance of an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement from the board of educational examiners pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.146(21).

*"Iowa resident"* means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

*"Semester"* means the fall, spring, or summer term of enrollment at an eligible institution if the eligible institution is on a semester system or the equivalent if the institution is on a system other than a semester system.

**283—22.3(261) Eligible applicant.** An eligible applicant is one who is enrolled in an approved program at an eligible institution and who completes the application process established by the department. Recipients must be a licensed teacher in Iowa with at least three years of teaching experience at a public or accredited nonpublic school.

**283—22.4(261) Awarding of funds.**

**22.4(1)** *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

**22.4(2)** *Extent of award and maximum award.* The maximum award will not exceed the cost of obtaining the endorsement.

**22.4(3)** *Priority for awards.* In the event that funds available are insufficient to provide maximum awards to all eligible applicants, awards are prioritized in the following order:

*a.* Eligible applicants who received an award in the prior academic year.

*b.* Eligible applicants who did not receive an award in the prior academic year.

**22.4(4)** *Awarding process.*

*a.* The department will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

*b.* Eligible institutions will inform students applying for admission to the approved program of the availability of the advanced dyslexia endorsement grant.

*c.* The department will designate eligible applicants for awards.

*d.* Eligible institutions will verify eligible applicants' enrollment in the approved program following institutional verification of enrollment.

*e.* The department will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in this rule.

**283—22.5(261) Institutional application process.** Following the first year of administration of the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement grant by the department, an institution requesting to participate in the program will apply to the department using the department's designated application prior to the deadline established by the department. An applicant institution will provide the department with documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility as an institution that offers an approved program. Applicant institutions will submit the application and documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility on or before the date established by the department.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.146.

# COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

## Notice of Intended Action

## Proposing rulemaking related to attorney loan repayment program

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to adopt the new Chapter 26, "Attorney Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.232.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.232.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to adopt new Chapter 26 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2770, division III. This chapter will establish eligibility requirements, application procedures, award administration, repayment agreements, participant obligations, and program administration for the Attorney Loan Repayment Program. The program is intended to encourage attorneys to practice law in Iowa, with priority given to attorneys practicing in rural areas, through repayment assistance for qualifying student loans.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

The Department received one written public comment from the Iowa State Bar Association, which also attended and provided comments at the public hearing. The State Public Defenders Office also attended and changes to this notice were made following comments made at the public hearing.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7-2504.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

Katrina Holck
Attorney 2
400 East 14th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Phone: 515.729.7449
Email: katrina.holck@iowa.gov

*Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

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*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** 283—Chapter 26:

CHAPTER 26

ATTORNEY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

**283—26.1(256) Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to implement Iowa Code section 256.232 as enacted by 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2770, division III, establishing the attorney

loan repayment program administered by the college student aid commission to recruit and retain attorneys to provide indigent defense legal services in Iowa. Nothing in the Chapter shall be construed to preclude an attorney receiving loan assistance for the hours of indigent defense service from also submitting and being paid for those hours of service by the Office of State Public Defender from the indigent defense fund and Iowa Code Section 815.11.

**283—26.2(256) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

*"Commission"* means the college student aid commission.

*"Eligible attorney"* means an attorney who satisfies the requirements of Iowa Code section 256.232(2) and this chapter.

*"Eligible loan"* means the attorney's total federally guaranteed Stafford loan amount under the federal family education loan program or the federal direct loan program, the attorney's federal graduate plus loans, or the attorney's federal Perkins loan, including principal and interest. Federal direct consolidation loans comprised of eligible loan(s) are also included.

*"Indigent defense services"* means court-appointed legal services, including guardian ad litem services, the costs of which are payable from the indigent defense fund under Iowa Code section 815.11 and, if payable from the indigent defense fund, court-appointed representation of a respondence in proceedings under Iowa Code chapter 229.

*"Law school"* means a law school accredited by an accrediting authority recognized by the Iowa Supreme Court for purposes of determining eligibility to sit for the Iowa bar examination.

*"Program"* means the attorney loan repayment program established pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.232.

*"Rural area"* means a county or municipality that has a population of less than 26,000 and is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of at least 50,000, based on the most recent federal decennial census.

**283—26.3(256) Eligibility requirements.** An applicant shall satisfy all of the following requirements to be eligible to participate in the program:

1. Be a graduate of law school within five years of the time of application to the program.

2. Be licensed to practice in Iowa.

3. Have an outstanding balance on eligible loan(s).

4. Submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline established by the commission.

5. Commit to practicing law in accordance with the selection priorities provided on their application, as executed through a program agreement.

**283—26.4(256) Application process.**

**26.4(1)** *Application period.* The commission shall establish annual application periods and publish application materials on the commission's website.

**26.4(2)** *Required documentation.* Applicants shall submit documentation required by the commission, which may include but is not limited to:

*a.* Proof of graduation from an accredited law school.

*b.* Proof of Iowa licensure and good standing.

*c.* Documentation of eligible loan balances.

*d.* Documentation of primary residence.

*e.* Verification of indigent defense service commitments and location(s) of practice.

*f.* Any additional information required by the commission to determine eligibility or priority status.

**283—26.5(256) Selection priorities.**

**26.5(1)** Subject to available funding, the commission shall prioritize applicants in accordance with Iowa Code section 256.232(4).

**26.5(2)** Priority shall be given in the following order:

*a.* Attorneys who reside and practice law in rural areas of the state and provide a minimum of 50 hours of indigent defense services annually. If necessary, preference is given to attorneys who graduated from an Iowa law school or an Iowa high school or who completed private instruction pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 299A.

*b.* Attorneys who practice law in rural areas of the state and provide a minimum of 100 hours of indigent defense services annually. If necessary, preference is given to attorneys who graduated from an Iowa law school or an Iowa high school or who completed private instruction pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 299A.

*c.* Attorneys who practice law in Iowa and provide 200 hours of indigent defense services annually. If necessary, preference is given to attorneys who graduated from an Iowa law school or an Iowa high school or who completed private instruction pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 299A.

**26.5(3)** In the event eligible applications exceed available funding, the commission may consider additional factors, including date of law school graduation, with preference to most recent graduates; and geographic distribution of participants.

**283—26.6(256) Program agreements.**

**26.6(1)** Approved applicants shall enter into a written agreement with the commission.

**26.6(2)** The agreement shall specify all of the following:

*a.* The term of participation.

*b.* Residency and practice location requirements.

*c.* Award amount and the schedule of loan repayment installments.

*d.* Documentation and reporting requirements.

*e.* Conditions constituting and consequences for breach of the program agreement.

**26.6(3)** An agreement shall not become effective until executed by both the participant and the commission.

**283—26.7(256) Loan repayment awards.**

**26.7(1)** New award recipients are limited to 25 in a single year, and total recipients shall not exceed 150 attorneys at any time.

**26.7(2)** Subject to available funding, an eligible attorney who enters into and remains in compliance with a program agreement shall receive loan repayment assistance in an amount not to exceed the lesser of $10,000 per year or the outstanding balance of the attorney's eligible loan.

**26.7(3)** Loan repayment assistance may be provided for each year of eligible service during a period of not more than six consecutive years.

**26.7(4)** In the event an attorney who receives loan repayment assistance ceases to practice law in accordance with the program agreement, the loan repayment assistance shall terminate immediately, the loan repayment assistance shall be prorated for the months the attorney complied with the agreement, and no further payment shall be made.

**283—26.8(256) Participant responsibilities.** Program participants shall:

1. Maintain active licensure and good standing to practice law in Iowa.
2. Complete eligible service obligations required under the program agreement.
3. Provide annual certifications and documentation required by the commission.
4. Notify the commission within 30 calendar days of any material change affecting eligibility or compliance.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.232.

# COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

## Notice of Intended Action

## Proposing rulemaking related to teach Iowa scholar program

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend the Chapter 28, "Teach Iowa Scholar Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.218.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.218.

*Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 28 pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2783, relating to the administration of the Teach Iowa Scholar Program. The amendments establish procedures for awarding scholarship funds appropriated by the General Assembly for eligible applicants teaching in qualifying rural school districts and ensure that program administration aligns with statutory funding priorities enacted by the legislature. The amendments further clarify eligibility and award distribution requirements necessary for the efficient administration of the program.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on March 14, 2025.

*Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Rural school district," in rule **283—28.1(256)**:

*"Rural school district"* means a district that is located in a city in Iowa with a population of less than twenty-six thousand that is located more than twenty miles from a city with a population of greater than 50,000.

ITEM 2. Reletter paragraphs **28.2(3)"a"** and **28.2(3)"b"** as **28.2(3)"b"** and **28.2(3)" c"**.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **28.2(3)"a"**:

*a.* Eligible applicants who work for a rural school district, until the funds that are appropriated for this purpose are awarded.

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Staff Reports

The following staff will provide reports to the Commission:

Iowa Department of Education Director Designee, Administrator Gieseke

- Department updates
- *Note*: To subscribe to Department newsletters, visit the Iowa Department of Education Newsletter Sign-Up webpage.

Bureau Chief Zantingh

- Financial Aid
- Program Evaluation and Reporting

Postsecondary Authorization Compliance Officer Keyli Keifer

- Postsecondary Authorization

Bureau Chief Sibaouih

- GEAR UP Iowa
- Course to College
- Course to College Coaching - AmeriCorps
- Local College/Career Access Networks

Bureau Chief Ntem

- Finances

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission

## Strategic Reserve Fund 0163 Reconciliation

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| **Beginning Balance as of 07/01/2026** | | $18,929,088.67 |
| **REVENUES:** | | |
| Federal Support: | | |
| GEAR UP 2.0 | $4,402.66 | |
| GEAR UP 3.0 | $402,191.68 | |
| GEAR UP 3.0 Scholarship | $0.00 | |
| Intra-State Transfers - GUFR, Interest | $77,680.74 | |
| Non Gov Support | $0.00 | |
| Gov Transfer In Other Agencies- AmeriCorps | $19,332.58 | |
| Interest on Fund | $123,023.05 | |
| Fees, Licenses & Permits | $0.00 | |
| Other | $0.00 | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED:** | | $626,630.71 |
| **EXPENDITURES:** | | |
| Salary and Benefits | $621,613.31 | |
| In State Travel | $4,230.46 | |
| State Vehicle Operation | $551.72 | |
| Out of State Travel | $17,641.07 | |
| Office Supplies | $12,645.15 | |
| Prof. & Scientific Supplies | $2,758.78 | |
| Other Supplies | $3,990.00 | |
| Printing & Binding | $3,868.07 | |
| Postage | $1,056.49 | |
| Communications | $904.11 | |
| Rentals | $0.00 | |
| Prof & Scientific Services | $9,200.00 | |
| Outside Services/Sub Grant Pymts | $65,034.36 | |
| Intra-State Transfers | $0.00 | |
| Advertising & Publicity | $700.00 | |
| Reimb to Other Agencies | $2,415.10 | |
| ITD Reimbursement | $84,336.10 | |
| IT Outside Services | $18,187.50 | |
| Gov Transfer Other Agencies/Indirect Costs | $52,037.19 | |
| Equipment- Non Inventory | $0.00 | |
| IT Equipment & Software | $2,397.73 | |
| State Aid/Transfer to Trust Acct | $0.00 | |
| Aid to Individuals (Scholarships) | $0.00 | |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | | -$903,567.14 |
| **Ending Balance as of 9/30/26** | | $18,652,152.24 |
| **Net change to Guaranty Agency Operating Fund** | | *-$276,936.43* |
| **Bankers Trust GEAR UP Trust Fund Balance on 9/30/26** | | *$5,979,193.31* |

# Bureau of Iowa College Aid Board of Commissioners
# Postsecondary Authorization
# October 30, 2026

The Postsecondary Authorization Staff have the following noncontroversial authorization application updates since the last written report to Commissioners for the meeting on May 1, 2026.

## Applications from Postsecondary Registered Schools (Iowa Code 261B)

Postsecondary Registration Approvals

Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development
Art of Education University (The)
Black Hawk College
Carrington College
Chamberlain University
Fielding Graduate University
Fuller Theological Seminary

Postsecondary Registration Applications under Review

Bellevue University
National University
Purdue University Global
San Joaquin Valley College
Southern California University of Health Sciences*

Postsecondary Registration Applications Received and Pending Review

Fielding Graduate University (change of ownership)
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

*Postsecondary registration evaluation reports for approved schools are available upon request.*

## Applications from Postsecondary Schools Participating in SARA (Iowa Code 261G)

Iowa SARA Approvals

- Allen College
- Art of Education University (The)
- Buena Vista University
- Central College
- Clarke University
- Coe College
- Des Moines Area Community College
- Drake University
- Eastern Iowa Community College District
- Emmaus University
- Grand View University
- Hawkeye Community College
- Iowa Central Community College
- Iowa Lakes Community College
- Iowa State University
- Iowa Valley Community College District
- Iowa Western Community College
- Indian Hills Community College
- Kirkwood Community College
- Loras College
- Luther College
- Maharishi International University
- Mount Mercy University
- North Iowa Area Community College
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Orion Technical College
- Palmer College of Chiropractic
- Southeastern Community College
- Southwestern Community College
- University of Northern Iowa
- Upper Iowa University
- Waldorf University
- Wartburg College
- Western Iowa Tech Community College

Iowa SARA Applications under Review

- Wartburg Theological Seminary

Iowa SARA Applications Received and Pending Review

- University of Iowa

## Applications from Postsecondary Schools Exception from Registration (Iowa Code 261B.11)

Iowa Exception School Approvals

- Allen College
- Buena Vista University
- CTC Barber Academy
- Carlson College of Massage Therapy
- Clarke University
- Coe College
- D.I.D. School of Careers*
- Des Moines Area Community College
- Iowa Central Community College
- Iowa Lakes Community College
- Iowa Western Community College
- Indian Hills Community College
- Hawkeye Community College
- Institute of Therapeutic Massage
- Iowa Valley Community College District
- Kingsway Leadership Institution *
- Kirkwood Community College
- Luther College
- Maharishi International University
- Mater Dei Seminary
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Palmer College of Chiropractic
- Simpson College
- SOHO Hair Academy
- University of Iowa
- University of Northern Iowa
- Upper Iowa University
- Western Iowa Tech Community College
- Zeal Salon Spa and Academy

Iowa Registration Exception School Applications under Review

- Grinnell College
- Hutton Valley School of Taxidermy
- Iowa Trade School*
- Open Bible College
- Wartburg Theological Seminary

Iowa Registration Exception School Applications Received and Pending Review

- Dordt University
- University of Dubuque

*new school application

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## NCHEMS Report

## Higher Education and Workforce Alignment in Iowa

Division Administrator Gieseke will present the NCHEMS Report. The Department of Education contracted with NCHEMS to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the State's higher education system, including public Regent institutions, all 15 community colleges, and private colleges and universities. The report assesses the alignment of current program offerings with workforce needs, identifies training gaps, and produces findings and recommendations to support data-driven policy and funding decisions.

The NCHEMS report was presented at the Iowa State Board of Education September 17, 2026 meeting. Here is a hyperlink to the copy of the NCHEMS slides and the NCHEMS report.