



Receipt of Multiple Scholarship and Grant Awards Iowa College Student Aid Commission 2015-16 Report

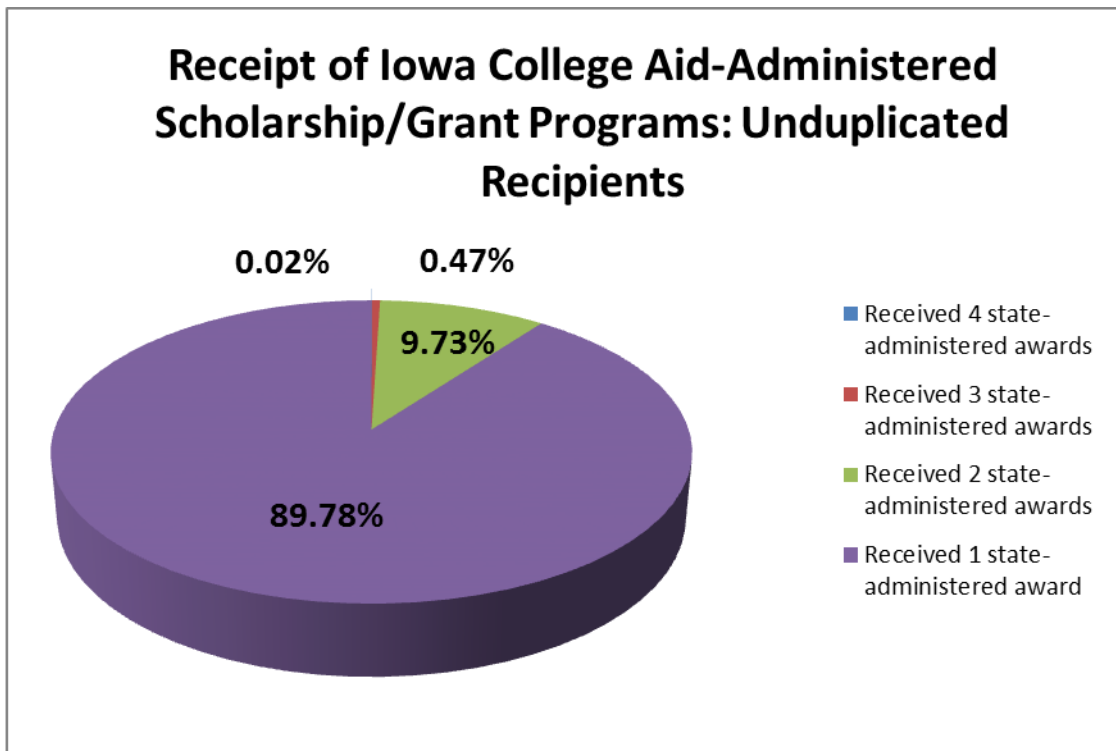
An Iowa student is able to receive funding through multiple scholarship and grant programs administered by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (Iowa College Aid), as long as the student meets the eligibility criteria. This technique of distributing financial aid is sometimes referred to as ‘stacking.’ There are various methods of stacking, but generally the process involves awarding each scholarship and grant award that the student is eligible to receive until either the student qualifies for no additional assistance or the total financial aid received hits a maximum threshold (such as meeting the student’s financial need or cost of attendance).

The data in this report provides insight into the prevalence of stacking under Iowa College Aid-administered financial aid awards.

How many lowans receive funding through multiple scholarship and grant programs administered by Iowa College Aid?

The 2015-16 report provides data on nine¹ unique Iowa College Aid-administered scholarship and grant programs. Each of these programs has unique eligibility criteria, but most have the same general intent - providing grant funding to financially needy Iowa residents attending Iowa colleges and universities. If a student meets the eligibility criteria for multiple programs, that student may be awarded program funding if he/she has unmet need and the total amount of aid, when combined with aid received from other sources, does not exceed his or her cost of attendance (other criteria also apply). This, in essence, leads to stacking of Iowa College Aid-administered awards.

During the 2015-16 academic year, a total of 21,758² students received 24,095 awards through the following programs: Iowa Tuition Grant, Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant, Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant (Kibbie Grant), All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship, All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant, Education and Training Voucher, Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program, Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant, and GEAR UP Scholarship. Of the total unduplicated student recipients, 2,116 students (9.73%) received awards from two Iowa College Aid-administered programs, 103 students (0.47%) received funds through three programs, and 5 received awards from four programs. Approximately 10.22% of all recipients received two or more scholarships/grants in 2015-16. Programs with the most duplication of receipt include the Education and Training Voucher and All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant, as well as Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant and Kibbie Grant.



¹ The Iowa Grant Program was eliminated during the 2015 legislative session; thus, there is no Iowa Grant data for 2015-16.

² This figure is an unduplicated count of recipients of Iowa College Aid-administered scholarship and grant programs. The tally in previous reports duplicated students who received funds at more than one college/university during the academic year. For comparative purposes, the number of students who received 2015-16 payments, duplicating counts for those that received payments at more than one college, was 21,934.

The chart below provides insight into the number of students who received awards from more than one program. The first column of the chart indicates the primary program of receipt.

Table 1: Recipients of more than one Iowa College Aid-administered scholarship/grant program

The data in the chart are organized horizontally and should be read as follows: find the program name in Column 1 and read across the row to find the number of Column 1 program recipients who also received awards from another state program. For example, 0.47% of Iowa Tuition Grant (Column 1) recipients also received an All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship. The shaded boxes represent total recipients in each program.

Program {Column 1}	ITG	IVTG	KG	AIOS	AIOFCG	ETV	NGEAP	B&C	GUS
Iowa Tuition Grant (ITG)	12,436 100%	20 0.16%	20 0.16%	59 0.47%	16 0.13%	13 0.10%	88 0.71%	0 0%	175 1.41%
Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant (IVTG)	20 0.73%	2,740 100%	1,566 57.15%	13 0.47%	2 0.07%	2 0.07%	23 0.84%	0 0%	50 1.82%
Kibbie Grant (KG)	20 0.40%	1,566 31.33%	4,999 100%	22 0.44%	16 0.32%	11 0.22%	38 0.76%	0 0%	58 1.16%
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (AIOS)	59 12.22%	13 2.69%	22 4.55%	483 100%	25 5.15%	28 5.80%	1 0.21%	0 0%	9 1.86%
All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant (AIOFCG)	16 8.21%	2 1.03%	16 8.21%	25 12.82%	195 100%	175 89.74%	1 0.51%	0 0%	5 2.56%
Education and Training Voucher (ETV)	13 6.74%	2 1.04%	11 5.70%	28 5.7%	175 90.67%	193 100%	0 0%	0 0%	6 3.11%
Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program (NGEAP)	88 8.18%	23 2.14%	38 3.53%	1 0.09%	1 0.09%	0 0%	1,076 100%	0 0%	11 1.02%
Barber and Cosmetology Tuition Grant (B&C)	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	87 100%	2 2.30%
GEAR UP Scholarship (GUS)	175 8.24%	50 2.35%	58 2.73%	9 0.42%	5 0.24%	6 0.28%	11 0.52%	2 0.09%	2,125 100%

The percentage of recipients who received financial aid through two programs administered by Iowa College Aid varies depending on the program recipient population. For instance, the number of Iowa Tuition Grant recipients who also receive AIOFCG awards was less than ½ of a percentage point (0.13%) while the number of AIOFCG recipients that receive an Iowa

Tuition Grant was 8.21%. When comparing the data, it is important to consider the size of the recipient population of both programs.

Source: Iowa College Aid scholarship and grant reporting system records.

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