



Receipt of Multiple Scholarship and Grant Awards
Iowa College Student Aid Commission
2014-15 Report

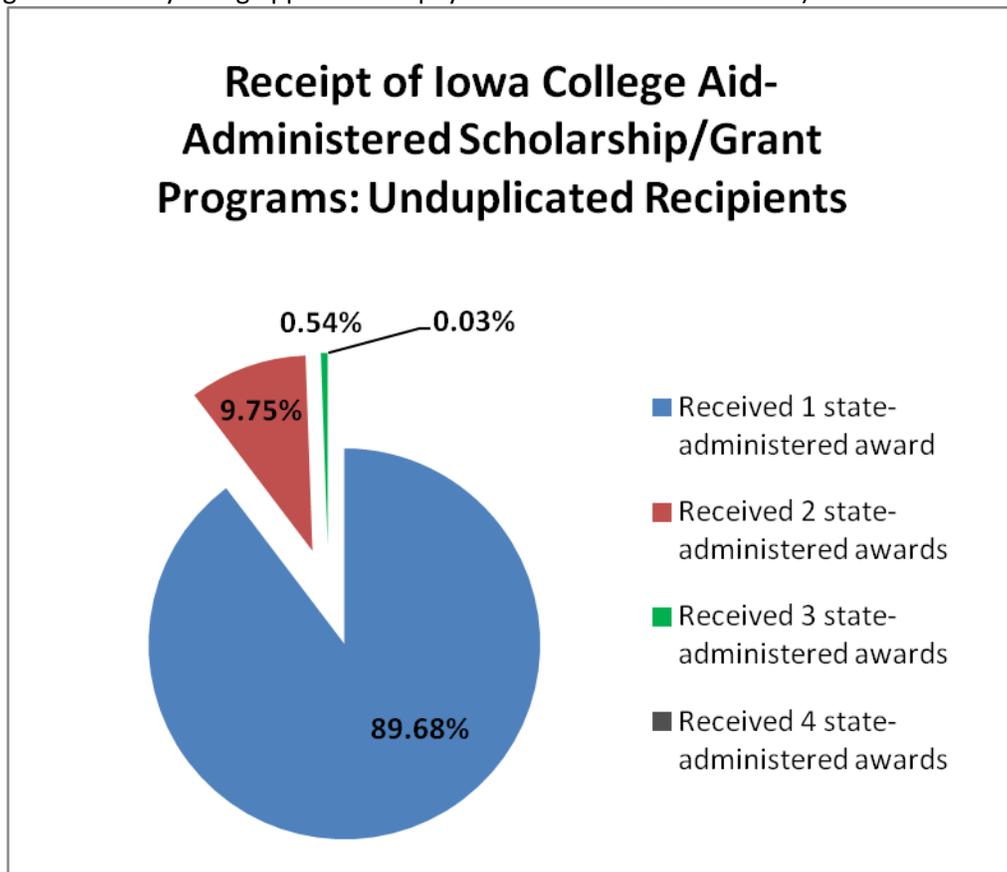
If eligible, Iowa students can receive funding through multiple scholarship and grant programs administered by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (Iowa College Aid). This technique of distributing financial aid is sometimes referred to as 'stacking'. There are various methods of stacking, but generally the process involves awarding each scholarship and grant award that the student is eligible to receive until the student either qualifies for no additional assistance or the total financial aid received hits a maximum eligibility requirement (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 2014-15 report provides data on ten unique Iowa College Aid-administered scholarship and grant programs. Each of these programs has specific 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 applicant 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 for specific programs). This, in essence, leads to stacking of Iowa College Aid-administered awards.

During the 2014-15 academic year, a total of 25,914* students received 28,739 awards through the following programs: Iowa Tuition Grant, Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant, Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant (or Kibbie Grant), All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship, All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant, Education and Training Voucher, Iowa Grant, Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program, Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant, and GEAR UP Scholarship. Of the total unduplicated student recipients, 2,526 students (9.75%) received awards from two Iowa College Aid-administered programs, 139 students (0.54%) received funds through three programs, and 7 received awards through four programs. The percentage of students who received two or more scholarships/grants increased from 8.55% of total recipients in 2013-14 to 10.31% of total recipients in 2014-15. This increase is substantially due to the inception of the GEAR UP Scholarship (the addition of this program, which serves thousands of students, increased the percent of students receiving more than one Iowa College Aid-administered scholarship/grant award) and the increase in the number of students that receive both a Kibbie Grant and Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant (resulting from additional programs of study being approved for payment under the Kibbie Grant).



**this figure will duplicate students that received funds at more than one college/university during the academic year.*

The chart below provides insight to 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 is 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, 0.60% of Iowa Grant (Column 1) recipients also received an All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (Column 5). The shaded boxes represent total recipients in each program.

Program {Column 1}	ITG	IVTG	KG	AIOS	AIOFCG	ETV	IG	NGEAP	B&C	GUS
Iowa Tuition Grant (ITG)	15,079 100%	0 0%	0 0%	66 0.44%	26 0.17%	24 0.16%	349 2.31%	85 0.56%	0 0%	222 1.47%
Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant (IVTG)	0 0%	2,836 100%	1,441 50.81%	16 0.56%	0 0%	0 0%	5 0.18%	30 1.06%	0 0%	51 1.80%
Kibbie Grant (KG)	0 0%	1,441 29.25%	4,926 100%	22 0.45%	11 0.22%	10 0.20%	86 1.75%	28 0.57%	0 0%	69 1.40%
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (AIOS)	66 15.46%	16 3.75%	22 5.15%	427 100%	25 5.85%	27 6.32%	4 0.94%	0 0%	0 0%	134 31.38%
All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant (AIOFCG)	26 12.87%	0 0%	11 5.45%	25 12.38%	202 100%	186 92.08%	0 0%	3 1.49%	0 0%	9 4.46%
Education and Training Voucher (ETV)	24 11.43%	0 0%	10 4.76%	27 12.86%	186 88.57%	210 100%	0 0%	2 0.95%	0 0%	11 5.24%
Iowa Grant (IG)	349 28.54%	5 0.41%	86 7.03%	4 0.33%	0 0%	0 0%	1,223 100%	12 0.98%	0 0%	18 1.47%
Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program (NGEAP)	85 7.92%	30 2.80%	28 2.61%	0 0%	3 0.28%	2 0.19%	12 1.12%	1,073 100%	0 0%	7 0.65%
Barber and Cosmetology Tuition Grant (B&C)	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	91 100%	3 3.30%
GEAR UP Scholarship (GUS)	222 8.31%	51 1.91%	69 2.58%	134 5.01%	9 0.34%	11 0.41%	18 0.67%	7 0.26%	3 0.11%	2,672 100%

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 (0.17%) while the number of AIOFCG recipients that receive an Iowa Tuition Grant was 12.87%. 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. Institutions report scholarship/grant disbursements to Iowa College Aid by individual recipient.

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