

## CHAPTER 6

### IOWA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

Established in 1973, the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant (IVTG) Program provides need-based financial assistance to Iowa residents enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) programs at Iowa community colleges. A [Historical Appropriations Summary](#) can be found on the Iowa Department of Education's Higher Ed and Postsecondary Readiness Reports site.

#### A. ELIGIBILITY

##### 1. College

To be eligible to participate in IVTG, institutions must be an Iowa-supported community college defined in Iowa Code Section 256.192. Students attending the following colleges are eligible to receive IVTG awards:

College / University	Location(s)
Eastern Iowa Community College	Clinton, Muscatine, Bettendorf
Des Moines Area Community College	Des Moines
Hawkeye Community College	Waterloo
Indian Hills Community College	Ottumwa, Centerville
Iowa Central Community College	Fort Dodge
Iowa Lakes Community College	Estherville
Iowa Valley Community College	Ellsworth, Marshalltown
Iowa Western Community College	Council Bluffs
Kirkwood Community College	Cedar Rapids
North Iowa Area Community College	Mason City
Northeast Iowa Community College	Calmar, Peosta
Northwest Iowa Community College	Sheldon
Southeastern Community College	Burlington
Southwestern Community College	Creston

College / University	Location(s)
Western Iowa Tech Community College	Sioux City

## 2. Student

In addition to the general eligibility requirements found in Chapter 1, eligible IVTG recipients must be admitted and in attendance in an eligible Title IV career and technical education (CTE) program of study of at least 15 weeks in length.

## 3. Programs of Study

Eligible students must be enrolled and in attendance in programs of study defined by the Iowa Department of Education as CTE programs.

## B. APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as described in Chapter 1.

## C. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

**UPDATED** Grants are awarded to eligible students by college officials. Recipients must be on-time applicants (meeting the July 15 priority deadline) whose Student Aid Index (SAI) is within the parameters defined by Iowa Department of Education's Bureau of Iowa College Aid (Iowa College Aid). The Application Receipt Date on the student's Institutional Student Information Record **MUST** indicate that the student met the priority filing deadline.

Eligible students must be enrolled and in attendance in programs of study defined by the Iowa Department of Education as CTE programs. Students who are required to complete arts and science classes as a part of their CTE programs may have these classes included as eligible CTE classes when calculating awards. CIP codes are reported by college administrators in the Iowa College Aid Processing System (ICAPS®) for each recipient.

Students who have not yet begun taking core CTE classes are not eligible to receive IVTG, as these students are not currently enrolled and in attendance in CTE programs.

Students who are enrolled in core CTE classes, and have begun taking those classes, sometimes are enrolled in subsequent semesters during which no official core CTE

classes are being attended. These students are making progress toward completion of their CTE programs and will be allowed to receive IVTG.

If a student enrolled in an eligible IVTG program of study subsequently withdraws from the core classes during that term of enrollment, the student remains eligible for the IVTG disbursement for that term of enrollment.

Students with a bachelor’s degree may receive IVTG if they enroll in CTE programs at Iowa community colleges.

## D. AWARDING

The maximum IVTG award for the 2024-2025 academic year is \$1,200 for eligible Iowa students who enroll on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 hours per semester or the quarter equivalent).

Eligible students who do not receive the maximum award during the 9-month academic year may receive additional funding for summer (up to the maximum annual award) if summer awards are authorized (according to the awarding schedule below). However, no summer payment may exceed the amount the student would have received for a term during the 9-month academic year. Summer awards are not authorized in 2024-25.

IVTG awards are tuition/fee-restricted in nature. When awarded in combination with other tuition/fee-restricted funds, total tuition/fee-restricted funding that includes an IVTG cannot exceed total tuition and mandatory fees charged to the recipient. In most cases, the IVTG award is reduced to comply with this policy. For recipients of Chapter 33 veterans education tuition payments, the IVTG award should be applied to tuition and mandatory fees prior to the calculation of the Chapter 33 tuition/fee award.

**NEW!** Awards must be made on accurately calculated SAIs. Eligible students may receive the corresponding IVTG each term based on their SAI:

**Maximum Award for Full Time (12+) Credits**

SAI Range	Annual	Semester	Quarter
201 - 300	\$200	\$100	\$67
301 - 400	300	150	100
401 - 500	400	200	134

SAI Range	Annual	Semester	Quarter
501 - 600	500	250	167
601 - 700	600	300	200
701 - 800	700	350	234
801 - 900	800	400	267
901 - 1,000	900	450	300
1,001 - 1,100	1,000	500	334
1,101 - 1,200	1,100	550	367
1,201 - 6,800	1,200	600	400

**NEW!** In order to determine amounts for students enrolled less than full time, use enrollment intensity percentages. For example, if a student is enrolled in 11.5 credits with an SAI of 5,000 they would be eligible for 96%, rounding to the nearest percent, of the maximum term award making the student eligible for \$576.  $(600 * (11.5 / 12) = 600 * .96 = \$576)$ . Round awards to the nearest dollar. Total awards cannot exceed the annual maximum.

**E. AWARD OFFERS**

College officials must provide award offers to all IVTG recipients. Award offers must clearly indicate award amounts and the state programs from which students will benefit. All notices concerning state grants must include the following award offer statement:

**NEW!** “In the event that available funds are insufficient to pay the full amount of each approved grant, the Iowa Department of Education has the authority to administratively reduce the award.”

**F. RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants may apply for a second year, and in some cases a partial third year, of IVTG awards.

Generally, a recipient may receive up to 4 full-time semester awards, or the quarter equivalent. Although, students enrolled in CTE programs that require additional classes (including liberal arts classes) to complete the program, and who are making

satisfactory progress toward completion of the program, may continue to receive IVTG for up to one additional semester of study if they are not able to complete the programs during the traditional two academic years of full-time enrollment (for a maximum of 5 semesters of full-time enrollment eligibility).

The Iowa College Aid Processing System (ICAPS®) determines the semester maximum by the usage of points. IVTG has a maximum limit of 2.5 points. The chart below indicates the point values given per term based on the enrollment status indicated in ICAPS.

#### **Points Established by Enrollment Status**

<b>Enrollment Status</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester Points</b>	<b>Quarter Points</b>
Full-time (F)	12+	0.5	0.333
Three-quarter time (P)	9-11	0.375	0.25
Half-time (H)	6-8	0.25	0.167
Less-than-half-time (L)	3-5	0.125	0.083

Information on previous payments are found in ICAPS under the ‘Payment History’ section of the student record or by utilizing the grant history report.

If students have received the maximum grant for two years, the students may regain eligibility after a two-year absence from the community college upon reentering a new CTE program major.

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

Chapter 3 provides a complete description of the payment process.

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

Any changes in awards must be provided to Iowa College Aid electronically via ICAPS by the reporting deadlines established in Chapter 3 of the Iowa Student Financial Aid Guide.

## **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.

For students selected for federal verification, one disbursement of state-funded student financial aid may be made prior to completing the verification process as long as college officials have no reason to believe application information is inaccurate. If students become ineligible for aid due to verification activities, refunds must be made to state-funded programs.