

State Update

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Agenda

- FAFSA Updates, Student Loans, Return on Investment
- Department/Bureau Updates
- Legislative Update
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FAFSA Updates

FAFSA Completion by Iowa High Schools

State Rate Class of 2024-25 45%	State Rate Class of 2023-2024 <i>from same time last year</i> 33%	Net Difference <i>compared to the same time last year</i> 12% <small>Due to delays in FAFSA availability for the prior and current cycles, year-over-year comparisons by date yield inconsistent results.</small>
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The FAFSA cycle represented on this table runs from November 21, 2024 - September 30, 2025
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The figures below aggregate all selections from Districts Name and/or AEA Name

Class of 2024-25 45%	Class of 2023-24 33%	Net Difference vs. Same time last year 11%
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To view the table in it's entirety, use the scroll bars at the side or bottom of the table.

AEA: (All) | District: (All) | School: (All)

Class of 2024-25 | Class of 2023-24

Sort Table by Field: District | Sort Order: Ascending

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FAFSA in Iowa – High School Graduates

PREP Trendlines - Statewide

Select Student Group: All Students

Select Measure(s): (Multiple values)

Legend: Completed FAFSA (blue square), Outcomes: Enrolled Within One Year (purple triangle)

[Click Here for School PREP Trendlines](#)

Postsecondary Indicators by Graduating Class

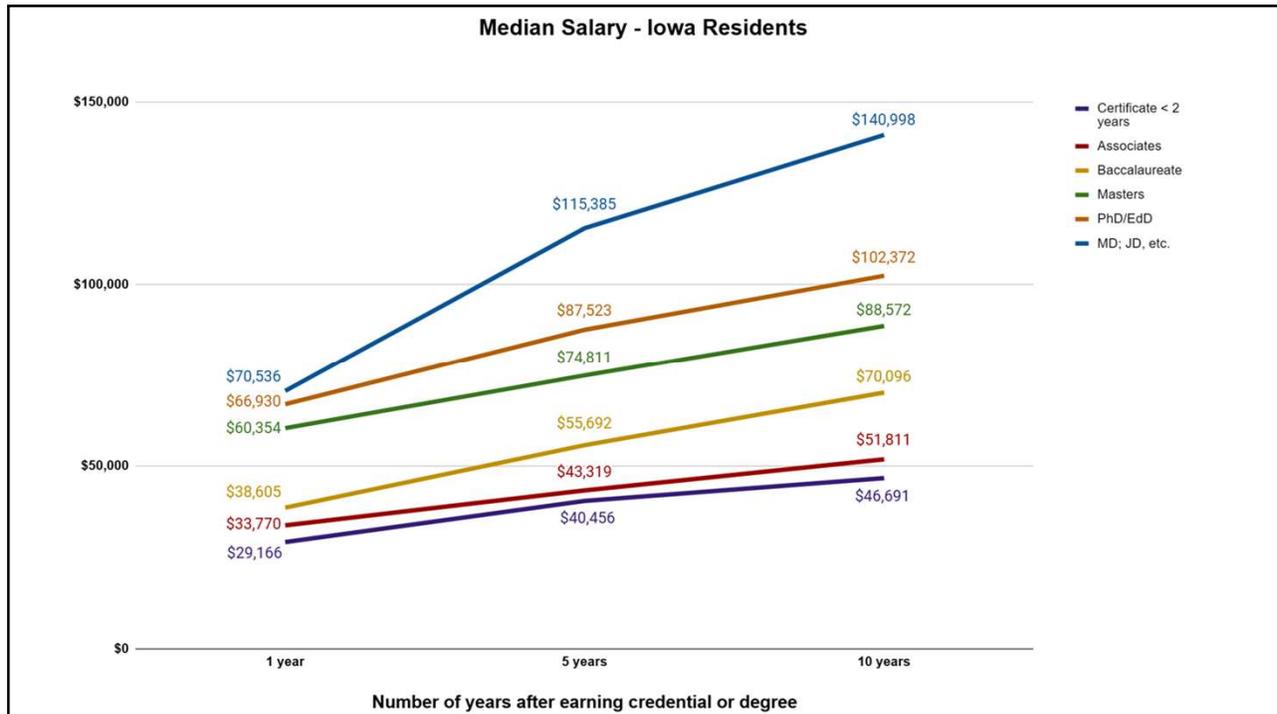
Year	Completed FAFSA (%)	Outcomes: Enrolled Within One Year (%)
2012	70%	64%
2013	69%	65%
2014	69%	63%
2015	68%	63%
2016	68%	63%
2017	67%	64%
2018	66%	65%
2019	65%	62%
2020	62%	62%
2021	62%	60%
2022	60%	60%
2023	62%	62%

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Establishing the Value and Return



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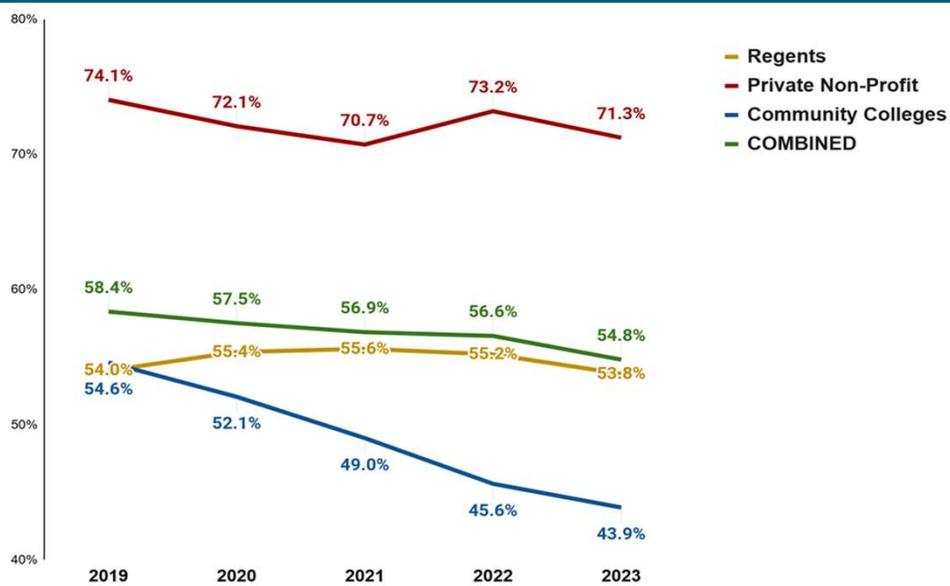


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Understanding the debt...

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Percent of Iowa college graduates with student loan debt



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Average student debt vs. 10-year total earnings among Iowa college graduates



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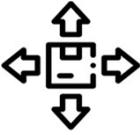
FAFSA's Role in Postsecondary Enrollment

The connection between FAFSA completion & postsecondary enrollment for high school seniors is strong.

Completing the FAFSA is the GREATEST indicator of postsecondary enrollment among Iowa HS Graduates

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Iowa College Aid – FAFSA Completion Strategies

 <p>Resources & toolkits dispersed through networks</p>	 <p>FAFSA report distribution</p>	 <p>AmeriCorps College Coaches & Student Leaders</p>	 <p>Virtual Coach Texting Program</p>
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On the horizon:

FAFSA Refiling

- **76%** of first year college students refile
 - 66% - Iowa's Community Colleges
 - 83% - Iowa Board of Regents
 - 86% - Private Colleges in Iowa
- **90%** of first year college students persist
- Many return without filing...and they are disproportionately low-income students while in HS.
- Student success and retention efforts?



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Awarding Parameters and State Aid Programs

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Legislative Update

- Second funnel deadline: April 4
- Scheduled last day of session: May 2
- 1st year of General Assembly
- Active Bills Summary

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National Guard Service Professional Qualification Scholarship Program - HF117

- Pre-filed by the Iowa National Guard.
- Member of the Iowa National Guard pursuing short-term non-T4 eligible programs of study at Iowa private colleges/universities, Regent universities, and Iowa community colleges.
- Adjutant General will publish and maintain a list of approved programs.
- Award cannot exceed total cost charged by the institution.



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National Guard Service Scholarship Program Amendments - HF118

- Pre-filed by the Iowa National Guard.
- Requires National Guard Service Scholarship awards to not exceed the difference between the tuition rate and any financial aid received under 10 U.S.C. §2007 (Federal Tuition Assistance Program).



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Accreditation – HF295

- Strikes references requiring Higher Learning Commission accreditation across Iowa Code sections – replaces those references with any ‘federally recognized accreditor of postsecondary institutions’.
- Prohibits an accreditor from taking adverse action against an institution for complying with state law.

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Immunization exemptions – HF299/SF6

- Requires Iowa Tuition Grant participating private colleges/universities (as well as Regents and community colleges) to adopt a policy that requires the institution to include in any communication to students that is related to immunization requirements information regarding exemptions to such requirements.

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DEI – HF856

- Prohibits state entities from establishing, sustaining, supporting, or staffing a DEI office; or to contract, employ, engage, or hire an individual to serve as a DEI officer.
- Prohibitions applied to Regents last year in SF2435 – HF856 also includes Iowa community colleges in the prohibition.
- Requires Iowa Tuition Grant participating private colleges/universities to develop a policy against establishing, sustaining, supporting, or staffing a DEI office.
 - Senate struck this provision in Committee.
- Enforcement authority: Attorneys General Office.



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Governor’s Rural Healthcare Bill - SF618/HF972

Program	Health Professional Recruitment Program	Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program	Health Care Award Program	Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program	Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program	Health Care Professional Incentive Program
Department	DE	DE	DE	DE	HHS	DE
Providers	Physicians, ARNPs, PAs, RNs, OTs, PTs, Podiatrists, Athletic Trainers	Physicians	ARNPs, PAs, RNs, Nurse Educators	Mental Health Counselors, Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social workers	Physician, ARNP, Certified Nurse Midwife, PA, RN, Psychologist, LCSW, Psychiatric Nurse, Professional Counselor, Family therapist, Substance Abuse Counselors, DDS, Pharmacist, Dental Hygienist	Flexible - Determined by HHS
Award Type	Loan Repayment	Loan Repayment	Income Bonus	Loan Repayment	Loan Repayment	Flexible - Loan Repayment or Income Bonus
Years of Service	5	4	5	5	2	5
Max Award	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	MD/DO: \$50,000 ARNP/RN/Pharmacist: \$40,000 Social worker or therapist/RDH: \$30,000 Social workers or counselors: \$20,000	Flexible - Determined by DE and HHS
Eligible Colleges	DMU, UI	In State Schools	Any college/university	IA regent/private universities	Any college/university	Any college/university
Eligible Practicing Locations	population < 26,000 & more than 20 miles from a city > 50,000	population < 26,000 & more than 20 miles from a city > 50,000	population < 26,000 & more than 20 miles from a city > 50,000	Federal mental health shortage area designated by the HRSA	No geographical limits	Flexible - Determined by HHS
Matching Required?	\$20,000 for physicians	Dollar for dollar	None	None	None	None
FY25 Funding	\$500,973	\$2,629,933	\$500,000	\$520,000	\$214,000 (matched by feds)	FY26 Proposed: \$10,000,000

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2026 Appropriations Update

<u>Code Citation</u>	<u>State Appropriated Programs</u>	<u>2025 Appropriation</u>	<u>2026 Governor's Recommendation</u>
256.212	All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program (AIOS)	3,229,468	3,229,468
256.223	Health Care Professional Recruitment Program	500,973	-
256.206	Iowa College Work-Study Program	-	-
256.210	Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship (NGSS)	6,600,000	6,600,000
256.183	Iowa Tuition Grant Program -- For-Profit Institutions (ITGp)	110,700	112,914
256.183	Iowa Tuition Grant Program -- Not-for-Profit Institutions (ITG)	52,707,069	53,761,210
256.192	Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program (IVTG)	1,750,185	1,750,185
261B/714	Postsecondary Registration / Consumer Protection	-	-
256.224	Health Care Award Program	500,000	-
256.221	Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (RPC)	2,629,933	-
256.226	Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program	700,000	700,000
256.227	Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant (Kibbie Grant)**	5,000,000	5,000,000
256.228	Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship	23,927,005	23,927,005
256.230	Workforce Grant and Incentive Program	6,500,000	6,500,000
256.229	Future Ready Iowa Grant	425,000	425,000
256.218	Teach Iowa Scholar Program (TIS)	650,000	650,000
256.225	Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program	520,000	-
	Health Care Professional Incentive Program	-	10,000,000
	Court Reporter Forgivable Loan Program	-	50,000
	Administration (combined)	591,533	602,199
	Total Iowa College Student Aid Commission State Funding	\$ 106,341,866	\$ 113,307,981

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Iowa Resident FAFSAs Status Update

- FAFSAs Received as of 3/28
 - 2025-26: 79,280 (25.4% increase over 2024-25)
 - 2024-25: 63,232
 - 2023-24: 79,588
 - 2022-23: 78,278

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2025-26 Award Parameter Timing

- Education Appropriations Bill Passed by Legislature
- Governor Consideration of Education Appropriations Bill
- Internal Approval to Release Awarding Parameters



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Training

- If you have training needs on your campus for state programs, we are available to set up an online training with your office.
 - Overview of Bureau of Iowa College Aid
 - Program Specific
 - Iowa College Aid Processing System (ICAPS)



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