

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance Results Achieved in
State Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)

INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (the Commission) is to advocate for and help Iowa students and families as they explore, finance and complete educational opportunities beyond high school. Throughout the 50 years of its existence, the Commission has helped make higher education possible for thousands of Iowa students. The Iowa College Student Aid Commission administers Iowa General Fund appropriations for need-based scholarships, grants, loan repayment, and work-study opportunities, and advocates on behalf of Iowa students in the public policymaking process. In addition, the Commission offers a range of services directly to students, families, educators, and the general public. During State Fiscal Year 2013, these services included college and career planning, financial literacy support, professional training for educators, regulatory oversight of postsecondary education in the state, postsecondary education research, and services to prevent student loan defaults. The Commission's services help students and their families plan, prepare, and pay for college.

AGENCY OVERVIEW

Agency Vision:

Iowa College Student Aid Commission's vision is that all Iowans can achieve an education beyond high school.

Agency Mission:

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission advocates for and helps Iowa students and families as they explore, finance and complete educational opportunities beyond high school.

Agency Core Functions:

The agency's services, products, and activities relate to the following core functions:

- Education through the administration of scholarship, grant and loan repayment programs,
- Resource Management to ensure effective and efficient administration of financial aid for postsecondary education, and
- Research Analysis and Information Management to support policy-development and advocacy for higher education student aid.

Services, Products, and Activities

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission provides a number of services, products, and activities. These include the following:

- 13 state-funded, need-based scholarship, grant, loan forgiveness and work-study programs,
- The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP Iowa) grant, and the College Access Challenge Grant Program for the State of Iowa,
- I Have A Plan Iowa - Iowa's designated career planning system and community web portal,
- The Iowa Financial Literacy Program and other financial literacy tools for students and educators, and

In FY 2013, the agency continued to improve its services, products, and activities. The table on pages 3 and 4 of this document presents targets and outcomes for measures related to the agency's services, products, and activities during the year.

Table of Targets for Services, Products, and Activities – Fiscal Year 2013			
Services, Products, Activities	Outcome Measure(s)	2013 Plan Target	2013 Outcome
Core Function: Education			
Families will have access to student financial aid.	Number of students completing the Iowa Financial Aid Application	6,000	6761
	Number of students completing the FAFSA	204,000	194,962
	Number of awards for three major state aid programs...		
	1. Iowa Tuition Grant	14,750	15021
	2. Iowa Tuition Grant Proprietary	2,890	2642
	3. Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant	2,560	2798
	Average scholarship, grant and work study assistance per student. (Average state aid per recipient in major aid programs.)	\$2,230	\$2,250
Ensure Iowa families have access to educational resources and information.	Number of new I Have A Plan Iowa (IHAPI) accounts	45,000	78,554
	Number of new IHAPI accounts created by 8th grade students	30,000	33,244
	Number of IHAPI web visits	2,500,000	2,353,679
	Number of attendees at college access outreach sessions	3,000	N/A
	Number of participants in self directed learning in on-line financial literacy programming	10,000	11,634
	Number of Your Course to College booklets produced	25,000	38,000
	Number of students who completed IHAPI grade-specific components	20,000	99,673
Core Function: Resource Management			
Maintenance of Federal Grant Funding to support localized services	Total dollar amount of Gear Up grant funding awarded	\$2,800,000	2,800,000
	Total dollar amount of Challenge grant funding awarded	\$1,500,000	0
Provide value-added informational resources related to postsecondary access and affordability in Iowa	Number of web views at Commission research page	1,000	5,900

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Copies of Iowa College Student Aid Commission Annual Report which contains greater detail of information are available on the Iowa College Student Aid Commission web site at www.iowacollegeaid.org.

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