

RECEIPT OF MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AWARDS



2020-21 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 for each program. This technique of distributing financial aid is referred to as 'stacking.' There are various methods of stacking, but generally the process involves awarding each scholarship and grant until the student qualifies for no additional assistance or until the student's total financial aid meets a maximum threshold (such as meeting the student's financial need or cost of attendance).

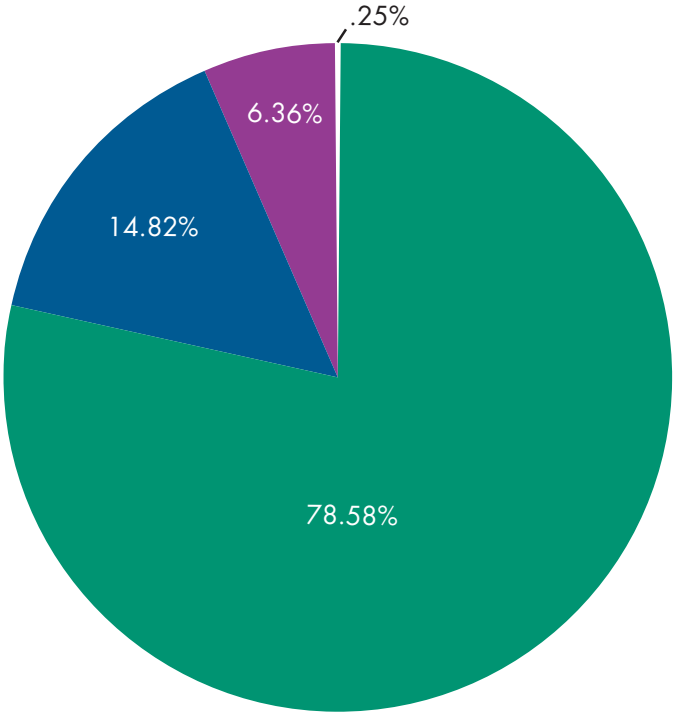
The data in this report provides insight into the prevalence of stacking under Iowa College Aid-administered financial aid awards.

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

The 2020-21 report provides data on ten 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 2020-21 academic year, a total of 22,895¹ students received 29,369 awards through the following programs: Iowa Tuition Grant: Not-for-Profit, Iowa Tuition Grant: For-Profit, Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant, Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant (Kibbie Grant), All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship, Education and Training Voucher, Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program, Future Ready Iowa Grant, Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship, and GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship. Of the total unduplicated student recipients, 3,391 students (14.82%) received awards from two Iowa College Aid-administered programs, 1,455 students (6.36%) received funds through three programs, and 25 received awards from four programs. Approximately 21.42% of all recipients received two or more scholarships/grants in 2020-21, similar to the 21.58% in 2019-20.

Iowa College Aid-Administered Scholarship/Grant Programs: Unduplicated Recipients



NUMBER OF STATE ADMINISTERED AWARDS	COUNT OF RECIPIENTS	PERCENT
1 Award	17,990	78.58%
2 Awards	3,391	14.82%
3 Awards	1,455	6.36%
4 Awards	58	0.25%
Total	22,894	100.00%

- 1 Award
- 2 Awards
- 3 Awards
- 4 Awards

¹ This figure is an unduplicated count of recipients of Iowa College Aid-administered scholarship and grant programs. The tally in reports prior to 2015-16 duplicated students who received funds at more than one college/university during the academic year.

Table 1 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, 1.89% of Iowa Tuition Grant (Column 1) recipients also received an All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship. The shaded boxes represent the total number of unduplicated recipients in each program.

PROGRAM	ITGnfp	ITGfp	IVTG	KG	AIOS	ETV	NGSS	GUS	FRG	LDS
Iowa Tuition Grant Not-for-Profit (ITGnfp)	9,291 100%	2 0.02%	8 0.09%	11 0.12%	176 1.89%	17 0.18%	58 0.62%	314 3.38%	28 0.30%	191 2.06%
Iowa Tuition Grant For-Profit (ITGfp)	2 0.55%	363 100%	3 0.83%	2 0.55%	0 0.00%	1 0.28%	5 1.38%	12 3.31%	0 0.00%	1 0.28%
Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant (IVTG)	8 0.31%	3 0.12%	2,548 100%	1,820 71.43%	12 0.47%	0 0.00%	22 0.86%	91 3.57%	0 0.00%	1,475 57.89%
Kibbie Grant (KG)	11 0.25%	2 0.05%	1,820 42.08%	4,325 100%	58 1.34%	12 0.28%	33 0.76%	139 3.21%	0 0.00%	3,103 71.75%
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (AIOS)	176 22.06%	0 0.00%	12 1.50%	58 7.27%	798 100%	61 7.64%	2 0.25%	92 11.53%	0 0.00%	50 6.27%
Education and Training Voucher (ETV)	17 12.41%	1 0.73%	0 0.00%	12 8.76%	61 44.53%	137 100%	0 0.00%	7 5.11%	0 0.00%	4 2.92%
Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship (NGSS)	58 6.88%	5 0.59%	22 2.61%	33 3.91%	2 0.24%	0 0.00%	843 100%	14 1.66%	1 0.12%	61 7.24%
GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship (GUS)	314 9.97%	12 0.38%	91 2.89%	139 4.41%	92 2.92%	7 0.22%	14 0.44%	3,151 100%	0 0.00%	218 6.92%
Future Ready Iowa Grant (FRG)	28 57.14%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1 2.04%	0 0.00%	49 100%	0 0.00%
Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship (LDS)	191 2.43%	1 0.01%	1,475 18.76%	3,103 39.46%	50 0.64%	4 0.05%	61 0.78%	218 2.77%	0 0.00%	7,864 100%

The percentage of recipients who received financial aid through two programs administered by Iowa College Aid varies depending on the size of the recipient population. For instance, the number of Iowa Tuition Grant (ITGnfp) recipients who also receive ETV awards was less than ½ of a percentage point (0.18%) while the number of ETV recipients that receive an Iowa Tuition Grant (ITGnfp) was 12.41%. When comparing percentages, it is important to consider the size of the recipient population of both programs.

Source: Iowa College Aid scholarship and grant reporting system records (state of data on 9/15/2021).