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### **Applications for Nurse Loan Forgiveness Hit Record High**

*Iowa College Aid program sees over 7 percent increase*

**Des Moines, IA, June 17, 2016** – Iowa College Aid today announced that the agency received a record number of applications for the Iowa Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness Program for the 2015-16 academic year. The 331 applications mark an increase of 7.1 percent from 2014-15.

Started in 2007, the program offers loan repayment assistance to registered nurses employed in Iowa and nurse educators teaching at eligible colleges and universities in Iowa. This year, 40 recipients qualified for loan repayment awards of up to \$2,340 (based on full-time employment).

To be eligible for the Iowa Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness Program, an applicant must be a licensed nurse-educator employed in Iowa by an eligible Iowa college or university or a licensed registered nurse employed as a nurse in Iowa.

For more information on the Iowa Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness Program, visit [IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://IowaCollegeAid.gov) and search “Iowa Registered Nurse & Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness Program.”

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***About the Iowa College Student Aid Commission***

*Iowa College Aid provides college access, financial literacy and outreach services to Iowa’s students and families as they prepare, plan and pay for college. Iowa College Aid also administers state scholarship, grant, work study, and loan forgiveness programs totaling over \$70.0 million annually, conducts research and distributes higher education data, and offers Iowans assistance in obtaining student financial aid and college-related information. Through its role, Iowa College Aid also serves as the state-designated administrator of the U.S. Department of Education’s College Access Challenge Grant, which is designed to increase the college-going culture in Iowa. Additionally, Iowa College Aid is the administrator of the Federal GEAR UP Grant, a multi-year state-wide grant which is being utilized to provide early awareness programming and outreach initiatives to thousands of Iowa’s students and families. More information is available at [www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov).*