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Deadline Near for Scholarship and Grant Applications

Students must file by July 1 to qualify for many Iowa-funded programs

Des Moines, IA, June 22, 2016 – The July 1 deadline to apply for many state-funded scholarships and grants is coming up next week, Iowa College Aid is reminding students.

Among the scholarships and grants with a July 1 application deadline:

- Iowa Tuition Grant (maximum award \$5,650 at not-for-profit institutions, \$2,600 at proprietary institutions)
- Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant (\$1,200)
- Kibbie Grant (Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant, \$2,505)
- Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program (maximum award to be determined this summer)
- Iowa Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant (\$1,200)

To apply for all programs listed above, students should file both a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA, available at fafsa.gov) and an Iowa Financial Aid Application (available at IowaCollegeAid.gov). Tips on filing both documents are available at IowaCollegeAid.gov.

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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.