

IC 21-12-8

Chapter 8. Adult Student Grant Program and Fund

IC 21-12-8-1

Adult student grant fund; administration

Sec. 1. (a) The adult student grant fund is established to make awards authorized under this chapter to eligible applicants.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

(2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve the purposes of the fund.

(3) Amounts transferred to the fund as directed by the commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

(c) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

(d) The fund must be separate and distinct from other funds administered by the commission.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds are invested.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for providing money for adult student grants under this chapter, or it may be transferred to another fund under this article as directed by the commission under IC 21-12-1.2-2.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Amended by P.L.234-2007, SEC.53; P.L.234-2015, SEC.15.

IC 21-12-8-2

Duties of commission

Sec. 2. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Prescribe the form and manner in which applications for adult student grants may be submitted.

(2) Determine the eligibility of applicants.

(3) Determine the amount of an adult student grant awarded to a recipient.

(4) Award an additional amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) in a recipient's final semester to a recipient graduating with a degree aligned to priority economic sectors as identified by the department of workforce development at any time during the four (4) year period ending on the recipient's graduation date.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Amended by P.L.46-2014, SEC.3; P.L.234-2015, SEC.16.

IC 21-12-8-3

Eligibility for grant

Sec. 3. (a) An applicant is eligible to receive an adult student grant if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined by the commission.
- (2) The applicant:
 - (A) has received a diploma of graduation from an approved secondary school;
 - (B) has been granted a:
 - (i) high school equivalency certificate before July 1, 1995; or
 - (ii) state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1 (before its repeal), IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal), or IC 22-4.1-18; or
 - (C) is a student in good standing who is completing a final year of study at an approved secondary school and will be eligible upon graduation to attend an approved institution of higher learning.
- (3) The applicant declares, in writing, a specific educational objective or course of study and enrolls in:
 - (A) a course that applies toward the requirements for completion of that objective or course of study; or
 - (B) a course designed to help the applicant develop the basic skills the applicant needs to successfully achieve that objective or continue in that course of study.
- (4) The applicant enrolls in at least six (6) credit hours in any academic term.
- (5) The commission or an approved postsecondary educational institution acting as the commission's agent determines that the financial resources available to the applicant are such that in the absence of a grant under this chapter the applicant would be deterred from beginning or completing the applicant's declared educational objective or course of study.
- (6) The applicant has not received a Frank O'Bannon grant for the maximum number of academic terms.
- (7) The applicant is identified as financially independent from the applicant's parents as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

(b) The commission may reduce an award offered under this section by the amount the applicant is eligible to receive in tuition reimbursement from an employer or another outside source.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Amended by P.L.7-2011, SEC.13; P.L.281-2013, SEC.22; P.L.234-2015, SEC.17.

IC 21-12-8-4

Repealed

(As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Repealed by P.L.234-2015, SEC.18.)

IC 21-12-8-5

Renewal of grant

Sec. 5. Subject to this chapter, a student's adult student grant may

be renewed if the student does the following:

- (1) Successfully completes at least eighteen (18) credit hours or their equivalent toward a certificate, nursing diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree in the previous academic year.
- (2) Demonstrates continuing financial need.
- (3) Maintains at least a cumulative grade point average that the eligible institution determines is satisfactory academic progress.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Amended by P.L.281-2013, SEC.23; P.L.234-2015, SEC.19.

IC 21-12-8-6

Repealed

(As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Repealed by P.L.281-2013, SEC.24.)

IC 21-12-8-7

Repealed

(As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Repealed by P.L.125-2008, SEC.5.)

IC 21-12-8-8

Repealed

(As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.253. Repealed by P.L.234-2015, SEC.20.)