

**283—9.3 (261) Eligibility requirements.**

**9.3(1)** Applicants for the all Iowa opportunity foster care grant program must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and an application specific to the program as provided by the commission. The applicant's initial application date must be subsequent to the applicant's reaching the age of 17, and the start date of the education or training program must be subsequent to the applicant's reaching the age of 18 and prior to the applicant's reaching the age of 23. In addition to completing the required applications, a recipient must be:

- a.* An Iowa resident;
- b.* A youth who has either a general equivalency diploma (GED) or a high school diploma;
- c.* A youth who is at least 18 years of age and who has not yet reached 24 years of age and:
  - (1) Was in a licensed foster care placement under a court order as described in Iowa Code chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of human services or juvenile court services on the date the youth reached the age of 18 or during the 30 calendar days before or after that date;
  - (2) Was under court order under Iowa Code chapter 232 to live with a relative or other suitable person on the date the youth reached the age of 18 or during the 30 calendar days before or after that date;
  - (3) Was in a licensed foster care placement under an order entered under Iowa Code chapter 232 prior to being legally adopted after reaching the age of 16; or
  - (4) Was in the state training school or the Iowa juvenile home under court order under Iowa Code chapter 232 under the care and custody of the department of human services on the date the youth reached the age of 18 or during the 30 calendar days before or after that date; and
- d.* A student enrolled for at least three semester hours, or the trimester or quarter equivalent, in a program leading to a degree or certificate from an eligible college or university.

**9.3(2)** To maintain eligibility, recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the eligible institution.