SUBJECT: Residency Policy for State Scholarships and Grants

PURPOSE: To determine residency status for recipients of state scholarships and grants.

EFFECTIVE FOR: Students and Student Financial Services

POLICY: Administration and staff shall adhere to established guidelines provided regarding residency determinations for student recipients of state aid.

PROCEDURE:

1. Staff will review the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if a student is an Iowa resident based on the residency questions within the FAFSA. If the student is an Iowa resident and has been for at least five years based on the FAFSA, no further review is necessary.

2. If a determination of residency cannot be made by the Student Financial Services staff from the FAFSA, the student can complete an "Application for Iowa Resident Classification" form at the following link: https://stateofiowa.seamlessdocs.com/f/Application_for_Iowa_Resident_Classification to have the Iowa College Aid Commission staff review and confirm the residency.

3. Refugees or individuals granted asylum by the government may be considered Iowa residents only if they come directly to Iowa from refugee facilities or ports of debarkation or come to Iowa within a reasonable time and have not established domiciles in another state.

4. American Indians who have origins in any of the original people of North America and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition with a tribe or nation connected with the state of Iowa may be considered Iowa residents.

5. Individuals who have received a homeless youth determination may be classified as residents.