

**136A.1215 GRANTS FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A program is established to provide financial assistance to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities that attend a Minnesota postsecondary institution.

Subd. 2. **Eligible students.** A postsecondary student is eligible for a grant under this section if the student:

(1) meets the eligibility requirements in section 136A.121, subdivision 2;

(2) is a student with an intellectual disability, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 34, section 668.231, and is enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program under that section; and

(3) attends an eligible institution, as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 4.

Subd. 3. **Application.** To receive a grant under this section, a student must apply in the form and manner specified by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Maximum grant amounts.** (a) The amount of a grant under this section equals the tuition and fees at the student's postsecondary institution, minus:

(1) any Pell or state grants the student receives; and

(2) any institutional aid the student receives.

(b) If appropriations are insufficient to provide the full amount calculated under paragraph (a) to all eligible applicants, the commissioner must reduce the maximum grant amount available to recipients.

Subd. 5. **Reporting.** By February 15 of each year, the commissioner of higher education must submit a report on the details of the program under this section to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy. The report must include the following information, broken out by postsecondary institution:

(1) the number of students receiving an award;

(2) the average and total award amounts; and

(3) summary demographic data on award recipients.

**History:** 2017 c 89 art 2 s 8; 2019 c 64 art 2 s 6