Future Ready Iowa Fast Facts

**What is Future Ready Iowa?**

Future Ready Iowa is a workforce initiative that connects Iowans to the training and education required for good-paying jobs and careers that improve people’s lives.

**Why?**

Education and training beyond high school is the new minimum in today’s technology-driven, knowledge economy. By 2025, 68 percent of Iowa jobs are expected to require training or education beyond high school.

To have the most future-ready, capable workforce, we have to connect more Iowans with opportunities to obtain relevant education and training. This will help employers and our economy as Iowans earn higher incomes and improve their quality of life.

**What is the Future Ready Iowa goal?**

That 70 percent of Iowans in the workforce (ages 25-64) have education and training beyond high school by 2025.

**What is the Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship?**

The goal of the Last-Dollar Scholarship program is to increase the number of Iowans with education and training up to a two-year degree in occupations that are in high demand throughout Iowa. The scholarship program will cover tuition – after all other non-repayable federal and state financial aid – for Iowans who enroll in one of the eligible programs of study. All students will receive at least $500 a year even if, for example their federal Pell Grant fully covers tuition. This effort is geared toward getting more Iowans into great jobs (starting at a minimum of $14 per hour), meeting the needs of Iowa employers and growing Iowa’s economy.

For more information go to [www.iowacollegeaid.gov/lastdollar](http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/lastdollar)

**What is the Future Ready Iowa Grant Program?**

The Future Ready Iowa Grant program provides grant support to Iowans who have completed more than two years toward a four-year degree in a high-demand field. Iowa has experienced employee shortages in occupations where a four-year degree is required. This program will provide a stipend to help with the cost of education (at least $1,000 annually for a full-time student) for individuals who qualify.

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**What is the Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund?**

The Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation fund is a competitive grant opportunity for our partners to collaborate to carry out innovative initiatives and provide wrap-around support – such as child-care assistance – to address local workforce issues. This matching grant is available to qualifying applicants.

To find out more go to [www.futurereadyiowa.gov](http://www.futurereadyiowa.gov) and click on Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund.

For general information go to [www.futurereadyiowa.gov](http://www.futurereadyiowa.gov) You can contact someone via the website or call Kathy Leggett, Future Ready Iowa Policy Advisor at 515-725-3882.