

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	IEDA	Date:	6/1/26	Total Rule Count:	9
IAC #:	261	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	Chapter 308	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	17A.7(3) and 15.106A(1)“m”
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of chapter 308 is to describe the Iowa scholarship for the arts program.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The authority is able to provide scholarships through the program.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Applicants for the program could possibly incur minimal costs to document their eligibility.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

Authority staff time is required to review and approve applications and administer the program.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The program provides scholarships to high school seniors enrolled in arts-related areas of study at Iowa colleges or universities.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

No less restrictive alternatives were identified.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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Yes.

Rule 261.308.1 should be updated for clarity.

Rule 261.308.2 should be updated for clarity.

Rule 261.308.3 should be updated for clarity and to reduce the number of restrictive terms.

Rule 261.308.4 should be updated for clarity and to reduce the number of restrictive terms.

Rule 261.308.5 should be updated for clarity and to reduce the number of restrictive terms.

Current rule 261.308.6 is unnecessary and should be eliminated. Rule 261.308.7 should be updated and renumbered as rule 261.308.6 for clarity and organizational consistency.

Rule 261.308.8 is unnecessary and should be eliminated.

Rule 261.308.9 is unnecessary and should be eliminated.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

Rule 261.308.6

Rule 261.308.8

Rule 261.308.9

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

CHAPTER 308
IOWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS

261—308.1(15) Purpose. The Iowa scholarship for the arts program (program) supports the development of outstanding high school seniors who excel in the arts and are enrolled in accredited educational programs leading to careers in the arts. A limited number of scholarships are awarded annually to selected students for undergraduate tuition and related expenses to attend an Iowa college or university.

261—308.2(15) Definitions. The definitions of terms listed in 261—Chapter 305 shall apply for terms as they are used throughout this chapter.

261—308.3(15) Eligibility. Notwithstanding rule 261—305.5, eligibility for the program shall be determined solely in accordance with this chapter. Eligible applicants will meet the following criteria:

308.3(1) Be enrolled at the senior class level in an Iowa high school and display proven artistic ability in the area of music, dance, visual arts, theatre, folklife or literature.

308.3(2) Be accepted as a full-time undergraduate student at a fully accredited Iowa college or university majoring in one or more of the following areas of study: music, dance, visual arts, theatre, folklife or literature.

261—308.4(15) Application, review and selection process. The application, review and selection process for the program is governed by this chapter and not by rule 261—305.6.

308.4(1) Applicants will be required to submit an application in the form and content prescribed by the authority. Applications will be reviewed by authority staff to confirm eligibility. Applications determined to be eligible will be forwarded to an advisory panel. The advisory panel will evaluate eligible applications in accordance with criteria established by the authority, and identify and recommend finalists to the authority.

308.4(2) Finalist applicants, at their own expense, will be required to attend an interview with an advisory panel.

308.4(3) Applications recommended by an advisory panel for funding consideration will be submitted to the director for consideration and approval. Recommendations by an advisory panel are advisory and final funding authority rests with the director or the director's designee.

261—308.5(15) Disbursement. Recipients will be required to confirm enrollment at an Iowa college or university prior to disbursement of scholarship funds. Disbursement will be made directly to the recipient's Iowa college or university.

261—308.6(15) Obligation of recipients. Recipients shall inform the authority of any change in address or school enrollment.

This chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15.436.

****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	2
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	0
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	5

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.