Pursuant to RIGL §16-56-6 (a), (b), (c), the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner assumed responsibility for Postsecondary Student Financial Assistance program. The duties pertaining to the new grant and scholarship program include the development of a plan to allocate need based scholarship and grant funds to eligible Rhode Island public and independent non-profit institutions. The focus of the new program is to assist needy Rhode Island students attending Rhode Island public and independent non-profit institutions. The goal of the program is to increase access, retention and completion of a higher education credential.

Participating institutions must submit a plan and supporting data that will effectively maximize the use of funds to meet the goal of assisting needy Rhode Island students attending Rhode Island public and independent non-profit postsecondary institutions.

Student and institutional eligibility requirements for participation in the program are determined by the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.