

Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Summary

- Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grants are available to high school JUNIORS residing in or attending schools in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, or Washington counties in Iowa.
- Hills Bank and Trust Company employees and their children are not eligible.
- Applicants will be evaluated on their involvement in Community Service and Student Group Activities, Work Experience and their High School Academic Information, which includes a grade point average of 2.8 or higher.
- The recipients of this grant, applying during their junior year of high school, will agree to attend a minimum of nine hours of Hills Bank® sponsored Leadership Training during their senior year.
- Each applicant will need to:
 - 1) complete the online Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Application,
 - 2) upload a copy of their most current, complete high school grade transcript
 - 3) TWO signed letters of recommendation—one from a community member, employer, or volunteer **AND** one from a school teacher or academic advisor.
- **Application material must be submitted online no later than 11:59 PM March 1, 2017 to be considered.**
- Application materials are available at: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships>
- Completing training and proving eligibility, the subsequent scholarship is available to recipients attending any of Iowa's accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges.
- Each scholarship will total \$1,000 to be paid the fall semester of the qualifying recipient's first year of college.
- Direct questions about this opportunity to Mary Clancy, clancy@iastate.edu, (515) 432-3882.



Helpful Hints for Preparing Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Application

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Your attention to detail and inclusion of specific information will help the selection committee consider each application to identify the most worthy applicant(s).

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Helpful Hints

1. Be sure to complete all information requested
2. Complete the Student Group Activities, Community Service, and Work Experience. Include all appropriate activities.
3. Financial assistance - Include sources such as parents, employment, other scholarships, financial aid, etc.
4. Leadership Comments — This is where you tie it all together and expand on the activities listed in earlier sections. Tell how you were a leader for or gave leadership to the activities you listed.
5. Include current, complete grade transcript (include Fall 2016 grades/classes). **If college courses were taken in high school** and are not listed on the uploaded high school transcript, upload a separate list of courses taken with known grades, or upload a copy of college transcript(s) or student grade report(s). Copies DO NOT need to be official. **NOTE:** Multiple transcripts can be uploaded on a single application form.
6. Letters of recommendation — Confide in your references specific information that will help them more effectively support your leadership grant application. (Ask **ONE** academic advisor such as a high school instructor, guidance counselor, advisor, or principal **AND** **ONE** community member or volunteer to be your reference.