

Hills Bank Leadership Program



The Hills Bank Leadership Program is for juniors in high school in the Hills Bank Service Area. This area includes the following counties: Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, and Washington. Potential Participants apply as juniors, and participate in leadership training sponsored by Hills Bank. Upon completion of the leadership courses, each participant receives a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarships are for students applying to a two or four year college or university in the state of Iowa. Twenty students are selected for the program.

The Hills Bank Leadership Program utilizes the same on-line application system as the Iowa 4-H Scholarships. Applicants will see directions for the Hills Bank application as well as the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships. Please keep in mind that they are two separate programs utilizing the same on-line system.

Please note that the Hills Bank leadership program is for **current JUNIORS in high school**. The Iowa 4-H Scholarships are for incoming college freshman or current college undergraduates.

Online application materials, essays, transcripts and the required 2 letters of recommendation, must be submitted online through the Awards Spring system no later than 11:59 PM March 1, 2018 to be considered. It is important to plan ahead in regards to completing the application as well submitting the required documents, including the letters of recommendation. Waiting until March 1st to begin and complete these tasks is **NOT RECOMMENDED**.

The following items are required with application: (all items will be submitted online)

- a. Current, complete an **UNOFFICIAL** grade transcript (include Fall 2017 grades)
(to be uploaded with application)
- **For Freshman Application, 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).
NOTE: Multiple transcripts can be uploaded on a single application form.
- c. Two letters of recommendation: (to be submitted online by the reference). Letters may come from a school/college academic advisor, teacher, community or civic leader or other individual of the applicant's choice.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted through the Awards Spring System. Applicants will submit the e-mail addresses of the appropriate references. The system will then send an e-mail requesting the letters of recommendation directly from the references. The references will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to complete the task.

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