

# 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, 2019 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2018 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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