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IOWA 4-H FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HILLS BANK & TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016

AMES, Iowa—The Iowa 4-H Foundation and Hills Bank & Trust partnership announces its 201 Leadership Grants for high school juniors for the fall of 2016. For the past 15 years, Hills Bank & Trust Company has partnered with the Iowa 4-H Foundation to provide college scholarship opportunities for Iowa 4-H youth who reside in the bank's service area. In 2002, Hills Bank established a permanent scholarship endowment, which now provides 20 - \$1,000 grants for high school seniors to attend any accredited Iowa college, university, or community college. Applicants apply during their junior year in high school and must attend at least nine hours of leadership training sponsored by Hills Bank & Trust in order to qualify for the award.

Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grants are available to students attending any of Iowa's accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges. Applicants do not need to be 4-H members.

"The leadership training gives these scholarship recipients some great tools for success in college and in their future careers," said Albert Grunenwald, executive director of the Iowa 4-H Foundation. "We also appreciate the investment that Hills Bank & Trust is making in Iowa's future through this unique program."

Information and applications for the Hill Bank & Trust Leadership Grants are available on the Iowa 4-H Foundation web page www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships. Applications must be submitted online no later than 11:59 PM, February 1, 2016 for consideration.

For question regarding the Hills Bank and Trust Leadership Grants, please contact Taci Lilienthal, Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator at taci@iastate.edu or (563) 343-1144.

The Iowa 4-H Foundation provides the private financial resources to develop and deliver quality 4-H youth programs throughout the state of Iowa. These opportunities help young people enhance their ability to use critical thinking, leadership, communication, and social skills – tools that will give them a competitive edge in their future endeavors.