



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.
- Grants are available to students attending any of Iowa's accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges.
- Each grant will total \$1,000 with \$500 to be paid each Fall semester of the qualifying recipient's first two years of college.
- 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 Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Application,
 - 2) provide a copy of their most current, complete high school grade transcript including a fall 2009 grade report, and
 - 3) TWO signed letters of recommendation—**one** from a community member, employer, or volunteer **AND one** from a school teacher or academic advisor.
- Grant Applications due to the Iowa 4-H Foundation at the following address before or on **February 1, 2010** (no faxed applications, please):

Hills Bank Leadership Grant
C/O Iowa 4-H Foundation
Extension 4-H Youth Bldg - ISU
Ames IA 50011-3630
- Contact Mitchell Hoyer, 515-294-1531, mhoyer@iastate.edu or Mary Kay Litzel, 515-294-1519, mklitzel@iastate.edu if you have any questions about this opportunity.

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

- The Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Application is for high school juniors residing in or attending schools in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, or Washington counties in Iowa.

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

The application packet is also available at
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>.

The completed application, transcript(s), and letters of recommendation must be received before or on **February 1**.

Send to: Hills Bank Leadership Grant
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Helpful Hints

1. Be sure to complete all information requested
2. Utilize the space available, but you may add additional pages to complete application questions.
3. Include ACT and/or SAT scores on page 2. (Explain if not available.)
4. Complete the Student Group Activities, Community Service, and Work Experience. Include all appropriate activities.
5. Financial assistance, page 2 — Include sources such as parents, employment, other scholarships, financial aid, etc.
6. Leadership Comments, page 3 — 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.
7. Be sure to obtain ALL necessary signatures — Parent/Guardian, page 1 and High School Principal and High School Guidance Counselor, page 2.
8. Attach or have your school send a copy of your current, complete transcript including fall 2009 semester grades. If your fall 2009 grades are not included on your transcript, you may include a copy of your fall 2009 grade report you received.
9. Two signed Letters of Recommendation — confide in those who write recommendations for you specific information that will help them more effectively support your leadership grant application.
10. Give a copy of the Instructions for Letter of Recommendation to ONE academic advisor such as a high school instructor, guidance counselor, advisor, or principal **AND** ONE community member or volunteer.

**Hills Bank and Trust Company
Leadership Grant
Application**

*Administered by the Iowa 4-H Foundation
Mail materials to: Iowa 4-H Foundation
Hills Bank Grant
Extension 4-H Youth Bldg-ISU
Ames IA 50011-3630
Ph: 515-294-1519*

Mail the following materials to the above address to be RECEIVED by February 1, 2010:

- 1) Completed, signed three (3) page application (provide any additional information on white bond paper, if necessary);
- 2) Your current total high school transcript through fall 2009 (fall 2009 student copy of grades acceptable).
- 3) Two signed letters of recommendation – **one** from a community member, employer or volunteer **AND one** from a school academic advisor or teacher.

Please print or type your application.

Name				
Mailing Address		City	Zip+four	
County of Residence		Applicant's Area Code & Phone #		Applicant's E-mail Address
Gender (x)		High School Graduation Date	College Enrollment Date	
Male	Female	(Mo/Yr)	(Mo/Yr)	DOB (mo/da/yr)
Name(s) of college(s) or university(ies) to which you plan to apply			College Major (be specific)	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Names (and Address if different from above)				
Father's Occupation (optional)			Mother's Occupation (optional)	
Local Newspaper Name, Mailing Address, City and Zip				

We certify that all information given on this application is true, correct, and complete. We agree to allow the Iowa 4-H Foundation and Iowa 4-H Youth Program to publish quotes and excerpts from this application to further the efforts of 4-H Youth Development in Iowa. (Applicant & Parent/Guardian MUST sign.)

Applicant Signature:	Date
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature	Date

STUDENT GROUP ACTIVITIES

Activities*	Local	County	State	Years

*Provide additional information on the reverse of this page or on white bond paper, if necessary. October 2009

LEADERSHIP COMMENTS

Please comment on why you should be selected as a recipient of a Hills Bank Leadership Grant.

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Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant Instructions for Letter of Recommendation

Applicant Name _____

To the Applicant:

To submit an application for a Hills Bank Leadership Grant, you must include two letters of recommendation; **one** from an academic advisor such as a high school instructor, guidance counselor, advisor, or principal, **AND one** from a community member or volunteer.

Contact and ask if they will write a letter of recommendation. Provide them with the following information and any other details that will help them write a recommendation to support your application.

The two letters may be sent with your application or provide your references with the following address or an addressed/stamped envelope to:

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To the Advisor, Staff, or Volunteer:

The above-named applicant for a Hills Bank Leadership Grant has respectfully requested that you write a letter of recommendation relative to scholastic abilities, leadership, citizenship, entrepreneurship, need, and character.

Letter of reference does not need to include a listing of involvements as the applicant has already included this information in their application. It should portray the character of the individual so the reader can “visualize” something of the applicant from reading the letter. All written statements will be open to the grant committee.

Be sure to sign your letter. Please return your signed letter (on plain or letterhead stationery) to the applicant or mail separately to be received by **February 1, 2010**. Thank you for supporting this grant applicant.

For Juniors

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Leadership Grants

\$1,000 each

Open to all high school **JUNIORS** in 10 SE Iowa Counties

- **Apply as juniors**, participate in leadership training sponsored by Hills and receive \$1,000 college scholarships following your senior year (\$500 each fall semester for two years).
- **Use the scholarships** at any accredited two- or four-year college or university in Iowa or any Iowa community college.
- **Send application** and supporting materials to the Iowa 4-H Foundation to be received before or on **February 1, 2010**. Selection will be made in March and all applicants will be notified by mid-April.
- **Eligibility requirements:**
 - Must be a high school junior who lives in or attends school in one of these ten counties: Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, Washington
 - GPA of 2.8 or above
 - Demonstrated leadership, entrepreneurship, or community service related qualities
- **Pick up an application** and information from your high school guidance counselor, local Extension Office, the State 4-H Office, offices of Hills Bank (Cedar Rapids, Coralville, Hills, Iowa City, Kalona, Lisbon, Marion, Mt. Vernon, North Liberty, Wellman), or on the Web at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html

Apply Now

For more information, contact Mitchell Hoyer, Program Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Extension 4-H Youth Building, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630; Phone: 515-294-1531; Email mhoyer@iastate.edu.

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