

# IOWA

## The Presidential Scholarship Program



Application  
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Since 1980, The University of Iowa's Presidential Scholarship Program has recognized outstanding high school seniors with scholarship awards. Based on excellence in academics, leadership, involvement, and service, these awards are given with the expectation and anticipation that these exceptional students will make significant and lasting contributions to the University of Iowa community of learning.

Each year students from across the country and around the world apply for these prestigious awards. In this competition, up to 350 outstanding applicants will be named Old Gold Scholars and will receive the Old Gold Scholarship worth \$12,000 over four years.

From the Old Gold Scholars, 20 students will be chosen to receive the Presidential Scholarship worth \$52,000 over four years. Presidential Scholars are students who not only have achieved distinction at every stage of their education, but whose contributions to their schools, their communities, and their passions truly set them apart.

Presidential and Old Gold Scholars receive priority in registering for classes each semester. In addition, Presidential Scholars are invited to participate in a yearlong series of events and activities designed to acquaint this select group of first-year students with the many cultural, social, and academic opportunities at the University.

Recipients may renew the award for three years (or until they complete their bachelor's degree, whichever comes first), provided they maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade-point average and full-time enrollment at the University.

## OLD GOLD SCHOLARSHIPS

Old Gold Scholarships of \$12,000 (\$3,000 a year for up to four years) will recognize up to 350 of the most outstanding candidates in the Presidential Scholarship competition. Each year, Old Gold Scholars receive \$3,000 to apply toward college expenses. Old Gold Scholars will be announced by Feb. 5, 2010.

## PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Presidential Scholarships of \$40,000 (\$10,000 a year for up to four years) will be awarded to 20 Old Gold Scholars. These scholarships are the University's highest scholastic awards for entering first-year students and are in addition to the Old Gold Scholarships, making the entire package worth \$52,000 over four years. Each year, these scholars receive \$13,000 to apply toward college expenses. Presidential Scholars will be announced by March 5, 2010.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

A Presidential Scholarship Selection Committee composed of faculty and staff members selects the scholarship winners.

Selection criteria include academic achievements, record of high school and community involvement and leadership, and performance on the written portions of the application.

Both scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, not financial need.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for these scholarships, you must have:

- applied for admission to the University
- a 3.80 cumulative high school grade-point average (on a 4.00 scale); **and**
- an ACT composite score of 30 (a combined SAT critical reading and math score of 1330) or above.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed scholarship applications (parts A–E) must be postmarked by Dec. 11, 2009.

Additional application forms can be downloaded at [www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/scholarships/first-year](http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/scholarships/first-year).

# The Presidential Scholarship Program Application

## FIRST STEP

In addition to submitting the Presidential Scholarship application and supporting written materials, you must apply for admission to the University ([www.uiowa.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/apply)). After applying, you'll receive an e-mail about how to access your University ID number.

### A. BACKGROUND

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

University ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
see "First Step" above

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ Point Scale

ACT Scores (E: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_ R: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_) Composite \_\_\_\_\_ in One Test Sitting;

or SAT Scores (CR: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_) Combined \_\_\_\_\_ in One Test Sitting;

Taking ACT in December       Taking SAT in December

**At the time you register for either the ACT or SAT test, request that the testing agency send official scores directly to the University.**

### WRITTEN MATERIALS

Prepare parts B, C, and D on separate sheets of paper. Your name and University ID number should appear at the top of each page. Clearly label each document as Personal Essay, Short Answers, and List of Activities. Use white paper, black ink, and a legible font no smaller than 11-point for all writing components.

### B. PERSONAL ESSAY

The essay is particularly important because of the competitive nature of these awards and the academic talent of the applicants. This is your best opportunity to distinguish yourself from all the other applicants. Be insightful and creative, use your best writing skills, and proofread carefully.

The length of your essay should be from 750 to 1,000 words.

**Write about an experience that made you realize you were growing up.**

**C. SHORT ANSWERS**— Write a paragraph for each statement below. Fit all three responses on one page.

1. Provide an example of how you have demonstrated leadership at school, in your community, or at home.
2. Which quality in yourself would you like to see flourish during your college years?
3. Describe the differences between your generation and that of the adults who have raised you.

**D. LIST OF ACTIVITIES**— Keep this list to one page.

Provide a listing of your school and community activities from grade 9 to the present. List names of organizations and activities, offices held, honors awarded, and academic years of participation (e.g., 11=junior, 12=senior).

### **E. CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE**

My signature below indicates that all information contained in this application is factually correct and complete. **I understand that it is my responsibility to request that official high school transcripts and test scores be sent directly to The University of Iowa.**

We request this information for the purpose of processing your application. Persons outside the University are not routinely provided this information, except for directory information such as name and local address. Your signature below authorizes The University of Iowa to disclose information in connection with publicity concerning you and your participation in the Presidential Scholarship Program. Information relating to academic performance (i.e., GPA, test scores, class rank) will not be disclosed. We cannot consider your application without your signature.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

### **FINAL STEP**

**Your scholarship application will be complete once you have applied for admission to the University and submitted the following scholarship materials:**

- Background information—part A
- All supporting written materials—parts B, C, and D
- Your signature—part E
- Official ACT or SAT test score(s) sent directly to the University from the testing agency
- Official high school transcript (grades 9–11). We can use the official transcript your high school sent for your application for admission.

**DEADLINE: All scholarship materials must be postmarked by Dec. 11, 2009**

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