



2021 Application Information

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AT 3:30 P.M.

Scholarship Description:

The Lois Dale Bright Scholarship is an initiative of the Bright Foundation. It is an opportunity designed to help ensure that a select number of Des Moines Public School seniors have the financial means to complete a four-year college education without debt upon graduation. This scholarship is for varying amounts after other gift aid is applied, up to the resident cost of attendance including tuition and fees, room and board, books, and personal expense/transportation allowance. Current scholarships average approximately \$15,000 per year.

The scholarship is renewable for up to four years (8 semesters) provided the student maintains a 2.5 GPA and full-time enrollment in credit-bearing courses. Scholarship recipients are expected to update the Bright Foundation with academic progress and other updates annually, at a minimum. Renewals are not guaranteed. Students must attend one of the following schools: Iowa State University, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa.

Eligibility Criteria:

Academics: 3.0 cumulative high school GPA

Financial: Expected Family Contribution (EFC) less than or equal to 10,000 as noted on the Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA. Consideration may be given to candidates unable to complete the FAFSA - please see school counselor.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be evaluated on the following:

- Academic performance in high school with a college prep course load
- Strong potential for success in the college setting
- Financial need
- Community involvement, including at the home high school
- Potential to positively contribute to the growing network of Bright Scholars on campus and as alumni

Application Items to Submit:

- Completed application form, including activity summary and short answer responses (4 pages)
- #WeBelongInCollege Story – space for video or written submission included on application form
- Transcript
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher

Please note: *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

Notification of Selection:

All applicants will be notified of their status **via email** on Friday, February 26, 2021

Finalists will be given information for scheduling a virtual interview via zoom, tentatively planned for the week of April 5, 2021.

Applications will be submitted to the Bright Foundation and shared with the scholarship selection committee. Students who have a familial or otherwise close personal relationship with any member of the Bright Foundation Board of Directors or its employees are not eligible for the award. Other exceptions may be made at the sole discretion of the Bright Foundation where allowable by code or law.