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# Prairie Meadows

## 2024 EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES



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### PRAIRIE MEADOWS PURPOSE

Prairie Meadows has been a vital part of the Central Iowa community since it began operations in 1989. Over the years, our purpose has remained the same: to promote economic development, agriculture, jobs, and tourism, and to provide financial contributions to programs and organizations that improve the quality of life for all Iowans.

Prairie Meadows has given more than \$2 billion through taxes, grants, and charitable donations to the state of Iowa, with more than \$863 million remaining right here in our community.

### SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Employee Scholarship Program is offered as one of the many benefits of employment at Prairie Meadows.

We are committed to a scholarship program that dedicates \$100,000 each year to high school seniors who choose to further their education in Iowa. We are proud to play a role in helping outstanding students continue to contribute their talents to our state.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Prairie Meadows 2024 Employee Scholarship, students must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Graduating high school senior who is:
  - employed by Prairie Meadows, or
  - parent/guardian is employed by Prairie Meadows
2. Accepted at and planning to attend an accredited Iowa institution of higher learning.
3. Enrolling as a full-time student (12 credit hours or more) for the fall 2024 semester.
4. United States citizen or permanent U.S. resident for the past two or more consecutive years.
5. Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
6. Students whose parent/guardian is at the assistant director level or above are ineligible.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Prairie Meadows Scholarship is awarded during the recipient's freshman year of higher education. The recipient must attend school in the fall and spring semesters immediately following high school graduation. Scholarship money is to be used for tuition only.

The Prairie Meadows Scholarship is a \$2,500 award paid in two installments of \$1,250. Installments occur at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Scholarship recipient must successfully complete the fall semester before the spring semester installment is awarded.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The application provided must be completed and submitted in its entirety.

- Applications must be typed. **Handwritten applications will not be accepted.**
- **Do not attach** documents referencing information that is requested in the application. Use the provided application document.
- Answer essay question completely and thoroughly with a minimum of three paragraphs.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Scholarship applicants must provide two letters of recommendation. One must be from a school faculty member. The other may be from an employer, family friend, club/organization leader, etc.

## DEADLINE

Completed scholarship applications and required documents must be submitted to the Human Resources Department, Monday, April 1, 2024.

## DOWNLOADING THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Prairie Meadows employee application can be found on the Prairie Meadows website at [prairiameadows.com/about-us/scholarship-program](https://prairiameadows.com/about-us/scholarship-program)

## **SUBMISSION**

Return the following items to Prairie Meadows' Human Resources department by Monday, April 1, 2024.

1. Your completed, typed application including personal information, personal statement, and signed certificate of authorization.
2. Two letters of recommendation.
3. A copy of your current high school transcript (does not need to be official).
4. Digital photograph in .jpeg form.

Remember, applications must be typed. **Handwritten applications will not be accepted.** All information presented in your application must be communicated using the provided application document. **Do not attach** documents such as resumes to your application.

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## 2024 EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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### EMPLOYEE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Prairie Meadows Employee:

Department:

Job Title:

Hire Date:

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Name of high school:

Current Grade Point Average:

Current Class Rank:

Iowa college/school/university you plan to attend:

Anticipated area of study:

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Respond to the following essay question completely and thoroughly with a minimum of three paragraphs.

1. How will the career you intend to pursue make a difference in your community?

## **SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED**

Please list ALL scholarships/grants you have received at the time of submitting this application.

## **PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT**

List any school-related/sponsored activities, community and civic activities, or volunteer and work experiences that you were involved in during the past four years.

## **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION**

The Prairie Meadows Scholarship Program requires your authorization to allow Prairie Meadows, the Iowa College Foundation, your high school, and the institution you plan to attend to (1) communicate and evaluate your application, academic standing, and other applicable information; (2) publicize your name and photo in connection with this scholarship, should you be selected as a recipient. Involved parties treat all information with strict confidence.

Your signature on this authorization and signature of a parent or legal guardian if you are under the age of 18 certifies that all information and materials submitted as part of this application are true and accurate.

**SIGNATURE:**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**