
Prairie Meadows

2017 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES



PRAIRIE MEADOWS MISSION

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

Prairie Meadows has given more than \$1.6 billion through taxes, grants, and charitable donations to the state of Iowa, with more than \$690 million remaining right here in our community.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Prairie Meadows has worked to further the educational opportunities of students in Polk County for more than a decade. We are committed to a scholarship program that dedicates nearly \$100,000 each year to high school seniors who choose to further their education in Iowa. We are pleased to play a role in helping these outstanding students continue to contribute their talents to our state.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Prairie Meadows 2017 Scholarship, students must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Graduating senior at one of the following Polk County high schools:

† Ankeny Christian Academy	† Johnston High School
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† Bondurant-Farrar High School	† Metro West Learning Academy
† Centennial High School	† North High School
† Dallas Center Grimes High School	† North Polk High School
† Des Moines Christian School	† Roosevelt High School
† Dowling Catholic High School	† Saydel High School
† East High School	† Scavo High School
† Grand View Christian School	† Southeast Polk High School
† Harbor Alternative	† Urbandale High School
† Hoover High School	† Valley High School
† Iowa Christian Academy	† Walnut Creek Campus
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 2017 semester.
4. United States citizen, or permanent U.S. resident, for at least the past two consecutive years.
5. Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

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.

The Prairie Meadows Scholarship is a \$2,500 award paid in two installments of \$1,250 during the fall semester and spring semester. The recipient must successfully complete the fall semester before the spring semester award will be given.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

- Applications must be typed. *Hand written applications will not be accepted.*
- Do not attach* documents referencing information that is requested in the application. Use the application as provided.
- Answer every question completely and thoroughly with a minimum of three paragraphs per answer.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

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

DEADLINE

Completed scholarship applications and required documents must be submitted to your high school guidance counselor's office by Friday, April 7, 2017.

DOWNLOADING THE EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This application, which is a Microsoft Word document, can be found on the Prairie Meadows website at prairiemeadows.com/community/scholarship-program/

SUBMISSION

Return the following items to your high school guidance counselor's office by Friday, April 7, 2017.

1. Your completed, typed application, including personal information and 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. A wallet-sized color photograph, with your full name clearly written on the back, to be used in various marketing publications.

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