

Bill Mertens Memorial Daily Iowan Scholarship

The *Daily Iowan* has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships since 1987. The program was started to help bring outstanding high school journalists to the University of Iowa and to work in the *DI* newsroom.

\$2,000 per academic year

- Provided in two equal payments at the beginning of each semester.
- High school seniors entering college in Fall 2020 are eligible.
- Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Potential to earn a scholarship renewal on a semester-by-semester basis, for a maximum of four years, provided satisfactory progress has been made in both academic work and in the newsroom.

Renewal Requirements include:

- Minimum grade-point average of 2.7
- Completion of at least nine credit hours per semester
- Satisfactory newsroom performance, as evaluated by the editor-in-chief, a coach and the publisher

The Process

Application deadline is January 31, 2020.

Scholarship committee reviews applicants. Finalists will be invited to campus for a visit and interview in late February.

The recipient(s) will be notified on or around March 13, 2020.

About The Daily Iowan

The *Daily Iowan* is the independent, nonprofit student newspaper located on the University of Iowa campus. The newsroom is entirely student-run and student-managed.

The *DI* celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2018 as the oldest college newspaper west of the Mississippi River.

Our media properties include:

- **The Daily Iowan print newspaper:** published Monday through Friday during the school year and weekly in the summer
- **dailyiowan.com:** multimedia website with breaking news and daily updates
- **DITV:** a 10-minute live newscast airing Monday through Friday during the school year

Questions?

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Go to **dailyiowan.com/scholarships** or click on the Scholarships link at the bottom of our homepage to learn more about the scholarship opportunity and review the application requirements.



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Complete the online application form, including the checklist of materials to submit with your application.

- ✓ Three letters of recommendation (including one from a journalism advisor/teacher)
- ✓ One-page statement on how working at *The Daily Iowan* will fit into your educational and career goals
- ✓ Three examples of your journalistic work (i.e. writing/reporting, photos, photo slideshow, graphics/design, video)
- ✓ A copy of your high school transcript



We prefer digital submissions for the examples of journalistic work (URL or a full-page PDF), but understand your school or references may want to send materials directly to us.



Any printed materials (including transcripts and letters of recommendation) can be sent to the address below and **must be postmarked by January 31, 2020**

Daily Iowan Scholarship Committee
Attn: Jason Brummond, Publisher
Adler Journalism Building, Room E131
Iowa City, IA 52242

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You will hear from us in February/March regarding your application status.

