

Scholarship Opportunities from *The Daily Iowan*

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 a year for up to four years

Bill Mertens Memorial Daily Iowan Scholarship

- Eligibility: High school seniors entering college in Fall 2021
- Renewable on a semester-by-semester basis for a maximum of four years
- Merit-based scholarship

Daily Iowan Newsroom Diversity Scholarship

- Eligibility: High school seniors entering college in Fall 2021
- Renewable on a semester-by-semester basis for a maximum of four years
- Merit-based scholarship; contributing criteria includes students who are from **historically underrepresented populations**:
 - Alaskan Native, American Indian/Native American, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, two or more underrepresented races
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - First-generation college students

Renewal requirements for both scholarships include:

- Satisfactory newsroom performance, as evaluated by the executive editor and the publisher
- Completion of at least nine credit hours per semester
- Minimum grade-point average of 2.70

Scholarships are independent of any University of Iowa financial aid package and provided in two equal payments at the beginning of each semester.

The Process

Application deadline is January 31, 2021.

Scholarship committee reviews applications.
Finalists will be invited for a virtual visit/interview
in late February.

The recipient(s) will be notified on or around March 13, 2021.

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* earned several top awards in 2020, including an ACP Newspaper Pacemaker award and being named Iowa's Newspaper of the Year for the first time since 1986.

Our media properties include:

- **The Daily Iowan print newspaper:** currently published Monday-Wednesday during the COVID-19 pandemic and weekly in the summer
- **dailyiowan.com:** multimedia website with breaking news and daily updates
- **DITV:** combination of a 10-minute live newscast and "DITV Now" social newscast airing daily 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, 2021**

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.

