

# CHAPTER 13

## Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship

### Overview

The Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship recognizes outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have actively participated in the Iowa State Fair. Up to ten awards, not to exceed \$5,000 per award, will be awarded annually. No student shall receive more than the student's established financial need. Scholarships are awarded for the recipient's first year of college only.

### A. ELIGIBILITY

#### 1. Institutions

Colleges and universities must meet the definition of 'institution of higher education' as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and must be located in Iowa.

#### 2. Student

High School seniors who will graduate with the class of 2019 are eligible for the 2019-20 Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship if they meet the following criteria:

- Actively participate in the Iowa State Fair (past or present);
- Be a graduating senior from an Iowa high school; and
- Plan to enroll at an Iowa college or university.

### B. STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must file both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Iowa Financial Aid Application to be eligible to receive the Iowa State Fair Scholarship.

The following documents are required for submission of the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship application. Students have the ability to either type or copy and paste the following information into fields in the Iowa State Fair application (included in the Iowa Financial Aid Application process).

- Essay

- Iowa State Fair Involvement
- Extracurricular Activities
- Volunteer and Community Service

Students must file both applications by the March 1 deadline.

### C. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

A selection committee will consider the following criteria and assign points to the following factors when reviewing the applications.

- Exhibits/Performances/Participation in the Iowa State Fair (20%) of total score
- Financial Need (20%) of total score
- Essay explaining the impact the Iowa State Fair has had on your life (15%) of total score
- Extracurricular and community activities (15%) of total score
- Community Service/Volunteerism (15%) of total score
- GPA (10%) of total score

The selection committee is comprised of 5 members including individuals from Department of Agriculture, Iowa State Fair, Governor’s Office, Department of Education and Iowa College Aid.

### D. AWARDING

Up to ten awards, not to exceed \$5,000 per award, will be awarded annually. No student shall receive more than the student’s established financial need. Scholarships are awarded for the recipient’s first year of college only.

The 2019-20 award amount is \$2,000.00.

<b>Enrollment Level</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Quarter</b>
Full-time (12+ credits)	\$1,000	\$667/ 667/666
Three-quarter time (9, 10, 11 credits)	\$750	\$500/500/500
Half – time (6, 7, 8 credits)	\$500	\$ 334/ 333/ 333
Less-than-half-time (3, 4, 5 credits)	\$ 250	\$ 167/ 167/ 166

## **E. STATE FAIR QUEEN AWARDING**

A scholarship of up to \$5,000 will be awarded each year to the Iowa State Fair Queen. Financial need does not need to be established when awarding the scholarship.

## **F. RENEWAL AND LIFETIME ELIGIBILITY**

Students are only eligible to receive the Governor Terry E. Branstad State Fair scholarship during the academic year following graduation from high school.

## **G. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

Chapter 3 provides a complete description of the payment process. This is a need-based program and payments may be applied to any expense within the student's cost of attendance.

## **H. CHANGES/CORRECTIONS**

Any changes in awards must be provided to Iowa College Aid electronically via ICAPS® by the reporting deadlines established in Chapter 3 of the Iowa Student Financial Aid Guide.

## **I. VERIFICATION/COMPLIANCE**

College officials are responsible for completing required federal verification procedures and for coordinating all aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility and allowable award amounts.

For students selected for federal verification, one disbursement of Iowa College Aid administered student financial aid may be made prior to completing the verification process as long as college or university officials have no reason to believe application information is inaccurate. If students become ineligible for aid due to verification activities, refunds must be made to Iowa College Aid.