To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship at the University of Iowa, you must take the following steps on or before 11:59 PM CST on Monday, December 21, 2015:

- Apply for admission to the University of Iowa as an undergraduate.
- Have your standardized test scores – ACT or SAT – shared with the University of Iowa. Use the following codes to authorize institutional access for the U of I: **ACT: 6681  SAT: 1356.**
- Request your high school transcript in time for you to upload it into the IOWA Scholarship Portal, before you submit your 2016-2017 application.
- Complete and submit the online application for the 2016 Presidential Scholarship competition by 11:59 PM on December 21, 2015.

To apply for the Presidential Scholarship, you must login to the IOWA Scholarship Portal with your HawkID and password. As a first-time user, you will be directed to complete the General Application, most of which will be pre-filled by information pulled from your application for admission.

Once you have completed the General Application section, the IOWA Scholarship Portal will generate a list of “Recommended” scholarship opportunities for you. If you are eligible to apply, a link to the Presidential Scholarship application will be included in your opportunity list. Follow the link to begin Step Two of the application process.
STEP TWO | UPLOAD YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

To complete Step Two of the Presidential Scholarship application, upload your transcript file into the IOWA Scholarship Portal in one of the following formats: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), Adobe (.pdf).

We understand that any uploaded transcript is considered unofficial. For the purposes of our selection process, the informal version is an acceptable option.

**DO NOT** ask your high school to send a transcript to the University of Iowa in support of your scholarship application. Rather, you must upload your transcript into the IOWA Scholarship Portal yourself.

STEP THREE | REQUEST YOUR STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship at the University of Iowa, individuals must have earned a composite ACT score of **30**, or **1330** for the SAT.

Official scores from the testing agency are required to apply for the Presidential Scholarship and must be requested by the applicant in advance of the stated deadline.

To complete Step Three, use the codes provided below to request that your scores be shared with the University of Iowa. **ACT: 6681  SAT: 1356**

Once scores are received and posted by the University, the information will appear in Section Three of the Presidential application. If your scores do NOT appear, but have been received by the University, please contact us at honors-program@uiowa.edu.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Self-reported test scores or the scores noted on your transcript **cannot** be used for the Presidential Scholarship competition.
STEP FOUR | LIST YOUR ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

In Step Four, you have the opportunity to share a list of up to fifteen of the most meaningful extracurricular activities you were engaged in from ninth grade to the present.

Examples of extracurricular activities may include, but are not limited to the following pursuits:

- EMPLOYMENT – paid work;
- EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING - research, internships/apprenticeships, special training (ROTC);
- ATHLETICS – HS, intramural and club teams;
- PERFORMANCE - musical, theatrical or physical;
- PRODUCTION/PUBLISHING – school radio, television, newspaper, lit journal, yearbook;
- COMPETITIVE SPEECH – forensics, speech or debate team, Mock Trial or Model UN;
- VOLUNTEERISM – service to your school, church, or local communities through student or area clubs, honor societies, non-profit organizations, hospital work, student government, electoral politics, advocacy on behalf of others or an idea/belief,
- CREATIVE/ARTS/DIY – creative writing, fashion design, sewing/quilting, furniture construction, software/app design, cooking/baking, podcast creation, etc.

GOOD ADVICE!!

- If you list activities like “National Honor Society” or “Fellowship of Christian Athletes,” remember that each chapter has its own priorities and projects.
- Be sure to use Step Four to share unique details about leadership roles, major events or initiatives, or specific projects that distinguish your experience inside a student or community organization.
STEP FIVE | GIVE US YOUR SHORT ANSWERS

Respond to two of the three questions below.
Your responses for each question should not exceed 350 words.

1. Everyone belongs to a community of some sort. As a member of your family, your class, your team, your neighborhood, or some other group, you will share some experiences with some, but not others. **Tell us about a time where your connection to your community was strengthened by its differences instead of its similarities.**

2. **Tell a story about yourself that provides some insight into the kind of person you are.** For example, the story can relate a personal experience; an unusual test of character; your involvement in volunteer work or a humorous anecdote.

3. **Describe a time you were able to do something better after a difficult start because of your connection to another person or group of people.**

STEP SIX | CRAFT YOUR ESSAY

Respond to the question posed below.
Your response should not exceed 750 words.

**TELL US ABOUT AN IDEA YOU FIND FASCINATING. HOW HAS IT CHANGED YOU?**

You might choose a scientific theory, a piece of creative work or media, a social movement, a political dynamic, an ethical dilemma or a category that is not represented here.

Any idea is on the table, but whatever you choose to explore, you **MUST** answer the question AND help your readers understand your chosen concept as well as the impact the idea has had on your intellectual life.
2016–2017 Presidential Scholarship Competition

Important Dates

Application Opens:
September 20, 2015

Deadline for Application Submission:
Monday, December 21, 2015 at 11:59 AM

Scholarship Offers are Extended by:
March 1, 2016

Deadline for Accepting Admission and the Scholarship:
May 1, 2016

Honors Primetime | Fall 2016
During the Week of August 15 – 19, 2016

First Day of Classes | Fall 2016
August 20, 2016

Welcome Reception | President’s House
September 2016

Keep in Mind...

- The timely submission of all application materials is the responsibility of the applicant.

- All applicant information must be entered or uploaded into the IOWA Scholarship Portal (ISP) by the applicant by the stated deadline. Materials submitted by mail will not be accepted. The deadline for application to the Presidential Scholarship competition will be strictly enforced.

- If an application is opened and submitted by the student, but remains incomplete after the deadline for submission because of a missing transcript, score or essay, the application will be disqualified and removed from the competition.

- Individuals may NOT attach additional information or supplemental materials to their online application.