

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Hixson Opportunity Awards

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Dear School Counselor:

I am seeking your help in identifying students for the 2026 Hixson Opportunity Awards.

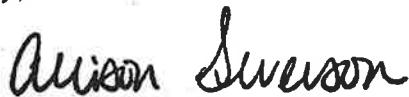
The Hixson Opportunity Award is a \$20,000 scholarship, disbursed over the course of eight semesters. The scholarship was made possible through gifts from Christina Hixson and the Lied Foundation Trust and is awarded annually to 100 Iowa students. More than 2,200 Hixson Scholars have graduated from Iowa State University with assistance from this award.

Many scholarships are available to honor the best and brightest students. Often missing from the spotlight are students with the ability and determination but more modest circumstances and means to afford college. Since 1995, the Hixson Awards have recognized Iowa high school students in their quest for a college education. Iowa State's Hixson Program is recognized for "best practice" in achieving high persistence of students with enrollment to graduation programming.

I want to emphasize that we are looking for students with extreme financial need, which must be reflected in their FAFSA. The online Hixson Award application is available at <http://www.hixson.dso.iastate.edu/> and is due **January 6, 2026**. The application includes an electronic request for recommendation. Please share this website with students who may be eligible or colleagues who may identify potential applicants for this award.

If you have any questions regarding the Hixson Opportunity Awards, I can be reached at (515) 294-6479 or hixson@iastate.edu. Please nominate the next Hixson Scholar from your county.

Sincerely,



Allison Severson
Director

Enclosures