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Scholarship Opportunity for Iowa High School Juniors

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – Feb. 21, 2014 – Informational brochures are available for the annual Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The deadline for submitting an application is March 31, 2014.

As many as 15 students will be chosen for the program with each receiving a \$1,000 stipend. In addition, three \$5,000 scholarships are awarded for study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university anywhere in the country.

Herbert Hoover, Iowa native and the nation's 31st president, is the inspiration for the award. He noted, "We believe in equal opportunity for all, but we know that this includes the opportunity to rise to leadership . . . to be uncommon."

The award program seeks to identify uncommon students during their junior year in high school. Students are not evaluated on the basis of grades, test scores, essays, or financial need. Applicants submit a proposal for a public service project they want to accomplish. Approximately 15 students are selected each year on the basis of their stated project goal and detailed plans to reach that goal.

Finalists spend a required expense-paid weekend in West Branch (just east of Iowa City) during the summer between their junior and senior year. During the weekend, they receive mentoring and assistance developing their projects to aid in their success. Time is also spent behind the scenes at the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum to help the students become more familiar with President Hoover's ideals regarding humanitarianism and public service.

In October of their senior year, finalists make presentations about their projects at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum. At that time, each student receives the \$1,000 stipend and three are chosen to receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

The award, funded entirely by private donations, is sponsored by the Hoover Presidential Library Association, a nonprofit support group for the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and National Historic Site in West Branch. Information and applications may be found at www.HooverAssociation.org under the Grants & Awards tab.

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