

2021 Robert Smiley Scholarship

The Robert Smiley Scholarship is offered by the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Smiley Family in honor of longtime IGHSAU Associate Executive Secretary who passed away suddenly in 2003.

Bob Smiley impacted youth his entire life. He began as a teacher, coach, official and administrator in several schools throughout the state. He joined the IGHSAU in 1970 as the associate executive secretary and helped build the Girls' Union into a nationally respected leader in girls' athletics.

In recognition of his work towards ensuring the Iowa Girl is a leader of her peers, the IGHSAU created a scholarship. The Robert Smiley Scholarship is for senior girls enrolled full-time in a public or private Iowa high school. The recipient must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale). She must also have lettered in one varsity sport sponsored by the IGHSAU each year of high school. There was a special place in Bob's heart for the underdog, because of this there will be extra attention given to the application showing a specific need.

Each high school is limited to **one** nomination. The local school shall determine how the nominee is selected. **Accompanying the scholarship application must be a letter of recommendation from a school faculty member or administrator AND a 200-word essay by the nominee describing adversity she faced and/or overcame to make her the person she is today.**

The value of the Robert Smiley Scholarship is \$1000 to be used to pay expenses billed by the Iowa college or university of her choice. Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 22, 2021.**

2021 Robert Smiley Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Nominating School Administrator Signature (one nominee per school): _____

Please note: The recipient of the Robert Smiley Scholarship must be an Iowa resident enrolled full-time in an approved public or private Iowa High School as a senior.

Academic Achievements

Year/Award

Athletic Achievements

Year/Award

Non-Sport Extra Curricular Activities

Year/Activity

Community Involvement/Contributions

Please list and describe involvement.

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If additional space is needed, please attach additional pages to this form.

Mail completed application, 200-word essay and letter of recommendation to:

Smiley Scholarship Application

c/o IGSAU

5000 Westown Parkway, Ste. 150

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Applications may also be emailed to lisa@ighsau.org. Please contact Lisa Brinkmeyer with the IGSAU at (515) 401-1835 with questions.