



Sioux Center Chamber Homecoming Grant Application

Applicant Information:

This grant is open to anyone who:

- has or will graduate from a two- or four-year college or university in 2020, 2021, or 2022;
- lived in the 51250 ZIP code when they graduated from high school;
- has accepted an offer for a position in Sioux Center;
- has student debt more than \$6000.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Current Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Years Lived in Sioux Center: From _____ To _____

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date From HS: _____

College/Vocational School Attending/Attended: _____

Graduation/Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Do you have \$6000 or more in student loan debt? Yes No (if awarded grant, proof of loan amount will be required)

How did you hear about the Homecoming Grant? _____

Please list your current job and/or future career plans:

Please answer the following questions using 1-3 paragraphs per question (please include a separate document with your responses):

- 1) How did Sioux Center shape you?
- 2) What is drawing you to work and live in Sioux Center?
- 3) What way do you envision yourself impacting and being involved in the community?
- 4) What in Sioux Center had the biggest impact in your life?
- 5) Share any current or previous volunteer experience that you have been involved with, including future goals for volunteering in the community.
- 6) If you were asked to create a "wish list" for Sioux Center, what might be included in that list? Please share a few of your dreams or visions for what could be improved or added to enhance or benefit our community.

Along with completed application, please include the following:

- 1) Resume
- 2) Unofficial Transcript (if awarded the grant, a copy of an official final transcript or copy of diploma will be required)

Return all information by **March 1, 2022** to Barbara Den Herder, Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce, 14 3rd Street NW, Sioux Center, IA 51250 or email to barbdh@siouxcenterchamber.com

The fine print:

- A. Award will be given over a 4-year period of \$1500 per year for 4 years. Applicant must remain employed by the same employer for the 4-year period in order to receive the full grant amount
- B. Applicants not receiving the award in the current year, may reapply the following year, but will be asked to resubmit all necessary paperwork. Applicants can apply a maximum of 2 times. Review committee will not retain paperwork from year to year.
- C. Review Process
 - a. Finalists will have a face-to-face or virtual interview with the Homecoming Grant Advisory Board
- D. Timeline
 - a. Application deadline is March 1
 - b. Applications reviewed and interviews completed March 1-April 15
 - c. Award announced by April 30