

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Scholarship Opportunity

Horatio Alger Iowa Scholarship Program

Six \$5,000 Scholarships Will Be Awarded

The Horatio Alger Iowa Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the State of Iowa who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger Iowa Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in Iowa, progressing normally toward graduation, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- Have a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution located in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution);
- Critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred; if higher, an explanation must be provided);
- Involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0);
- Be a resident of Iowa; and
- Be a citizen of the United States.

Application Deadline: October 30, 2011

<https://www.horatiaoalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm>

Foster Home Insurance Fund

DHS is authorized by law to administer the Foster Home Insurance Fund. This fund only covers licensed foster parents and pays on behalf of each licensed foster home for any valid and approved claim for damages arising from the foster care relationship and the provision of foster care services. DHS has a contractor that provides this service. Claims will be handled directly by **EMC Underwriters** in Des Moines. Notice to approve or deny the claim must be mailed or given to the claimant within 180 days of the date the claim is received. You are to contact this company to report any incident. Their phone number is **1-800-437-6005 ext. 9** or call **Dick Sunde at 515-345-7655**. *Claims filed by foster parents against the fund must be submitted within 2 years of the occurrence.*

Effective July 1, 2010, for any claim made through the Foster Parent Insurance Fund, foster parents must verify their current foster family licensure to the claim adjustor prior to any claim settlement.

Coverage is provided for:

- Property damage, at replacement costs, or for bodily injury, as a result of the activities of the foster child in care.
- Reasonable and necessary legal fees incurred in defense of civil claims filed against a foster family and any judgments awarded as a result of such claims.

The fund is not liable for any of the following:

- A loss arising out of a foster parent's dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or intentional act.
- An occurrence which does not arise from the foster care relationship.
- A bodily injury arising out of the operation or use of a motor vehicle, aircraft, recreational vehicle, or watercraft owned, operated by, rented, leased, or loaned to a foster parent.
- Exemplary or punitive damages.
- A loss arising out of a foster parent's lascivious acts, indecent contact, or sexual activity. (A child is a person under the age of 18.)
- A loss or damage arising out of conduct which is in violation of administrative rules.
- The first \$100 for all claims arising out of one or more occurrences during a fiscal year related to a single foster home.
- Claims over \$300,000 for all claims arising out of one or more occurrences during a fiscal year related to a single home.



Don't Miss These Upcoming Trainings!

TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS: Call 800-277-8145 ext. 1 or register through our website: www.ifapa.org/training/training_registration_form.asp.

Date & Time	Name of Training	Credit	Location
Sept. 10, 2011 9am-12:15pm	Caring for Children with HIV Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDCaringforChildrenwithHIV.pdf	3 hours	Fort Dodge IA Central College
Sept. 10, 2011 1:30pm-4:45pm	Special Education Basics Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/TDSpecEdBasics.pdf	3 hours	Fort Dodge IA Central College
Sept. 10, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Beyond Consequences...Helping Children with Severe Behaviors Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/TDBeyondConsequences.pdf	6 hours	Spencer ILCC
Sept. 17, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Preventative Practices II: Minimizing the Risk of Child Abuse Allegations Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/TDPrevPracticesII.pdf	6 hours	New Hampton Super 8
Sept. 17, 2011 9am-12:15pm	Decoding the Mystery of ADHD NEW! Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDDecodingADHD.pdf	3 hours	Williamsburg St Timothy Church
Sept. 17, 2011 1:30pm-4:45pm	Worrywarts & How You Can Help Them: Understanding Anxiety... NEW! Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDWorrywartsAnxietyDisorders.pdf	3 hours	Williamsburg St Timothy Church
Sept. 24, 2011 1pm-4:15pm	"Can You Hear Me Now?" - How to Manage Behaviors in Your Home Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDCanYouHearMeNow.pdf	3 hours	Ames Country Inn & Suites
Sept. 24, 2011 12pm-4:15pm	CPR & First Aid To register for CPR visit: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/CPRFirstAidRegForm.pdf	4 hours	Cedar Rapids To be announced
Sept. 24, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Working with Birth Families Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDWorkingWithBirthFamilies.pdf	6 hours	Council Bluffs IWCC
Sept. 24, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Trauma Informed Care Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDTraumaInformCare.pdf	6 hours	Davenport Clarion Hotel
Sept. 24, 2011 12pm-4:15pm	CPR & First Aid To register for CPR visit: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/CPRFirstAidRegForm.pdf	4 hours	Mason City To be announced
Sept. 24, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Responding to Cultural Differences - What's a Parent to Do? Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/TDCulturalDifferences6hr.pdf	6 hours	Waterloo Hawkeye College
Oct. 1, 2011 12pm-4:15pm	CPR & First Aid To register for CPR visit: http://www.ifapa.org/training/documents/CPRFirstAidRegForm.pdf	4 hours	Atlantic To be announced
Oct. 1, 2011 9am-4:30pm	Promoting Healthy Growth & Development of GLBTQ Youth in Foster Care Read training description: http://www.ifapa.org/pdf_docs/TDGLBTQFosterYouth.pdf	6 hours	Ankeny IFAPA Training Center

Training Spotlight

Responding to Cultural Differences – What's a Parent to Do?

(6 hrs credit) - Designed for foster and foster/adoptive parents, this training will describe techniques and strategies that integrate cultural responsiveness into everyday life in a foster or adoptive home. More importantly, this training will focus on practical ideas for dealing with issues of cultural, racial, and ethnic "lenses" that impact shared parenting and working with other professionals. Trainers: Heather Craig-Oldsen, MSW, CSW, Leticia Quintanilla & Gwen Vargas Porter

Promoting Healthy Growth & Development of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth in Foster Care

(6 hrs credit) - As youth in foster care begin to trust their resource parents it is more likely that those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) will share their thoughts and emotions with the resource family members. Through the development of trust comes important opportunities for helping the young person grow and develop positively. Designed for foster and adoptive parents, as well as child welfare staff, this workshop will describe techniques and strategies that promote the healthy growth and development of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth in foster care. Trainer: Heather Craig-Oldsen, MSW, CS