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Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Recipient Announced

Lifetime of participation in Iowa State Fair pays off for Monticello teen

Des Moines, IA, September 1, 2011 – For Monticello native, Lauren Barker, the Iowa State Fair has been a part of every summer for as long as she can remember. This August, Miss Barker’s love of the fair and years of participation paid off when she received the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship.

This scholarship recognizes outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have actively participated in the Iowa State Fair and plan to attend an Iowa college or university.

“While our office received many excellent applications this year, Miss Barker’s extensive involvement in the Fair and her essay truly set her apart from the rest,” says Todd Brown, Director of Program Administration at Iowa College Aid, the state agency charged with awarding the scholarship. “Lauren’s lifetime of dedication to the Fair, her active participation in extracurricular activities and her involvement with her community made her the clear winner in our eyes.”

Lauren received her award during the Iowa State Fair and was presented a certificate of recognition by Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds. “I was pleased to be able to award the Iowa State Fair Scholarship to Lauren,” said Branstad. “Lauren’s work ethic and community involvement makes her an excellent choice for this award. I wish her the very best as she continues her education at Iowa State University.”

For more information about the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship, go to www.IowaCollegeAid.gov or contact Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456.

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