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### **Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Recipients Announced**

*Lifetime of participation in Iowa State Fair pays off for Leslie Brandt*

**Des Moines, IA, August 26, 2013** – Iowa College Aid has announced that Leslie Brandt of Swea City, Iowa, is one of two recipients to receive 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. Leslie has been involved in 4-H for eight years and has had the opportunity to showcase her 4-H achievements at the Iowa State Fair.

Leslie is a recent graduate of North Union High School and plans to use the \$1,000 scholarship while attending Luther College in Decorah, Iowa this fall.

“I am pleased to award the Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship to such a deserving and selfless student,” said Julie Voss, Associate Director of Program Administration at Iowa College Aid, the state agency charged with administering the scholarship. “While our office received many excellent applications, Leslie’s extensive involvement and essay have set her apart. She has an obvious passion for helping others and it’s a pleasure to honor her accomplishments with this Scholarship.”

Leslie received her award during the Iowa State Fair and was presented a certificate of recognition by Governor Branstad. “I was pleased to be able to award the scholarship to Ms. Brandt,” said Branstad. “Her work ethic and community involvement makes her an excellent choice for this award. I wish her the very best as she continues her education.”

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

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