

Olivia Griffith- 2015 HEF scholarship recipient

Olivia Griffith is currently a freshman at Iowa State University pursuing a degree in Performing Arts with an emphasis on Acting/Directing. Her goal is to perform in musical theatre productions professionally in a larger metro area after graduation. As she was at Hudson High School, Olivia is very involved in theater productions, vocal programs, and extracurricular activities at ISU.

Receiving HEF scholarships last spring not only helped fund her first year of post-secondary education at ISU, but also gave Olivia a boost of confidence. She says, "Through the combined efforts of both groups (the donors and HEF board members), I have been able to attend ISU and benefit from the academic rigor, extracurricular activities, and countless friendships it has exposed me to, something I'll always be grateful for."

Olivia advises current Hudson students to not be afraid to be yourself. In college, you meet such a wide range of people from various backgrounds that "how cool you were in high school is completely insignificant." "Stay true to who you are and find the people you'll actually want to stay in touch with post-graduation."

All 2016 seniors are encouraged to apply for the 2016 HEF scholarships. The application deadline is Friday, February 19th, 2016 at 2 p.m. If anyone has questions about the Hudson Educational Fund (HEF) or about how to donate and contribute to scholarships for both students and projects of Hudson School teachers, please contact Jim Prather, Doug Coonrad, Shawn Kolterman or Joanne Hawkins. The HEF Board can also be reached by email at HudsonEducationalFund@hudsonpiratepride.com. Any contributions to scholarships or school projects can be sent to HEF at PO Box 281 Hudson, Iowa 50643.

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