

ISU/STORY COUNTY  
NON-PROFIT  
**PROTÉGÉ**  
**PROGRAM**

During the Fall 2012 semester, the Student Activities Center at Iowa State University and United Way of Story County will sponsor the fourth annual Non-Profit Protégé Program. Iowa State University students will have the opportunity to walk in the shoes of an administrator of an Ames non-profit organization. Throughout the semester, each Non-Profit Protégé will attend weekly meetings with their mentor. Participants will have opportunities to attend board meetings, experience staff and committee meetings, visit with potential financial donors, and witness the action packed world of being a non-profit leader. In the last three years, 30 students have participated in the program.

This is not an internship experience; rather, it is an opportunity for students to directly shadow a non-profit administrator. The purpose of this program is to give students interested in exploring the non-profit world a first hand experience in the field. We are looking for individuals who are interested in creating change in our community and world.

### **Program Requirements**

Participants will be required to do the following in order to complete the program:

- 1) Agree to participate in an orientation session, mid-point reflection, and end of the program celebration.
- 2) Agree to communicate with the non-profit mentor to create a weekly schedule at the assigned non-profit agency, typically between hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Special event availability may be requested.
- 3) Agree to sign a confidentiality document with the host agency.
- 4) Complete a weekly meeting with mentor (Fall 2012 semester).
- 5) Develop an initiative project to give back to the non-profit agency.
- 6) Agree to produce a short written account of experience with the hosting agency. This reflection should be of such quality that the protégé can present it to the agency representative and Student Activities Center staff.

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**Application Requirements & Process:**

Students must meet the following criteria to be selected for participation:

- Plan to be a full-time undergraduate student at the Iowa State University in Fall 2012
- Be of at least sophomore standing
- Have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA

A detailed application is due no later than Friday, March 2, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. to the Student Activities Center which includes:

- Completed Non-Profit Protégé Application

After an initial review of the applications, candidates may be invited to interview during the week of March 26. Please note: if you are studying abroad during the Spring semester, we can do a Skype interview. All applicants will be notified by April 6 on their status in the 2011 Non-Profit Protégé Program.

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**Application**

Please provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper:

Name

Classification (in Fall 2012)

Major

Phone number

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

Do you have access to a car?

Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Responses for questions 3-5 should be no more than 2-3 pages double spaced.

- 1.) Participants in the Non-Profit Protégé Program will need to establish a weekly schedule at their assigned non-profit agency, typically between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Please create a list of your commitments for the Fall semester including work, classes, and involvement in organizations.
- 2.) Please create a list of volunteer and leadership experiences since beginning college. Include dates of involvement and amount of time committed.
- 3.) What interests you in the Non-Profit Protégé Program? If chosen, what do you expect to gain from this experience?
- 4.) How have you been involved in your community (hometown, Ames, etc.)?
- 5.) What are your professional strengths that you would contribute to the hosting non-profit agency?
- 6.) How did you hear about the Non-Profit Protégé Program?

Please include the name, email address, and relationship of someone who can provide a positive recommendation for you. The organizers will contact this person via email to solicit his/her feedback about you.

**Completed applications should be returned in person or via email:  
Student Activities Center, East Student Office Space, Memorial Union  
Phone: (515) 294-4354, Fax: (515) 294-0215  
Email: [garrett1@iastate.edu](mailto:garrett1@iastate.edu)  
Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**