

**IV) Personal Statement**

Please complete your 1-2 page response to the following statement on a separate sheet(s) and attach.

Describe why attending college is important to you. What challenges do you see in attending college and what motivates you to be successful in overcoming them?

**V) Recommendation Form**

Please have a teacher, counselor or community member who knows you well complete the recommendation form. Submit the completed form with the iConnect application.

**VI) Certification**

Applicant certification and permission to release information.

The information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and/or require repayment. I understand that my application will not be considered if my application and the pertinent forms are not completed as instructed.

I understand that the college staff and iConnect selection committee will review the information on the application. If named a recipient, I agree to thank the donor of this scholarship and attend any events relating to recognition of this scholarship.

I authorize my high school to release my transcript and/or necessary registration/attendance records to iConnect staff to be used for the purpose of this application review and processing.

I will maintain satisfactory academic progress while participating in iConnect (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and 67% completion rate).

I understand that participation in the summer course and program activities during the school year is required and lack of participation could affect my eligibility for the iConnect program.

I hereby give permission to Inver Hills Community College to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for marketing, advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Inver Hills Community College complies with all state and federal privacy laws and regulations. Inver Hills Community College is asking you to provide information which includes private information under state and Federal law. Inver Hills Community College is asking for this private information so that the College can process your application for admissions or your Limited Enrollment registration at Inver Hills Community College. You are not legally required to provide the information Inver Hills Community College is requesting and you may refuse to provide some or all of the information requested. However, Inver Hills may not be able to finalize your admission to Inver Hills or your registration at the College if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to individuals in the Office of Enrollment Services at Inver Hills Community College. However federal and state law do authorize release of private information without your consent to some agencies. For a list of agencies and the full data privacy policies at Inver Hills, go online to [www.inverhills.edu/Enrollment/CollegePolicies/](http://www.inverhills.edu/Enrollment/CollegePolicies/)



# Program Application



### What is the iConnect program?

iConnect is a program designed to help high school seniors transition to college successfully. The program provides additional services and support to qualifying students during their first year at Inver Hills. Students will receive assistance with the admissions and financial aid processes, as well as continued support with course selection and educational planning. Students also receive a free summer course and tuition assistance for the fall and spring semesters. For additional academic and peer support, students will be encouraged to join a learning community, where they take two or more courses in common with other first year students. Tuition assistance is based on student need and availability of funds.

### Why join iConnect?

- Receive a FREE summer class!
- Tuition assistance up to \$1000 your first year
- No application fee
- Participate in a Learning Community and take classes with familiar students and academic support – make friends and connections!
- Receive personalized assistance with:
  - College admissions process
  - Financial aid application
  - Course selection and educational planning

### Who is eligible to participate in iConnect?

You must be a high school senior and meet one or more of the following to be eligible:

- A first-generation college student (neither parent attended college)
- Non-native English speaker (English is not or was not your primary language)
- Student of color
- Low-income (qualify for free or reduced lunch at your high school or a Pell grant this academic year)

### How do I apply for iConnect?

Complete the steps below by the priority deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Completed applications will be reviewed after the deadline and students will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible. Applications received after May 31<sup>st</sup> may be considered if space is still available.

### Application Steps (Priority deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010)

- Complete and submit the program application as early as possible.
- Complete and submit the Inver Hills College application form.
- Have a teacher, counselor or community member complete the recommendation form.
- Write a personal statement describing why you want to attend college and your motivation to be successful.
- Submit an official copy of your high school transcripts.
- Complete the Inver Hills assessment test.  
More information on the assessment, including the testing schedule, can be found at [www.inverhills.edu/gettingstarted/assessments](http://www.inverhills.edu/gettingstarted/assessments) or by calling 651-450-3687.
- Submit the 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the financial aid process.  
You can apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This form must be filled out yearly. If you are unable to fill out this form for any reason, please call 651-450-3733. All information will be kept confidential.
- Send or bring all appropriate materials to **Sarah Doman Flygare at Inver Hills Community College, College Center building, 2500 E 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076.**

### Application Instructions

Please complete each section (I-VI) of the application. Submit the iConnect application, along with the additional materials, to Sarah Doman Flygare at Inver Hills Community College. If you meet the eligibility requirements and complete the application steps prior to the deadline, your materials will be reviewed and considered for participation in iConnect. You may receive a separate letter of admission from the college. This does not guarantee you acceptance into the iConnect program. An acceptance letter from iConnect will be mailed to you once you are admitted into the program.

### I) Background Information

Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or Inver Hills I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

### II) iConnect Program Requirements

To be admitted to the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- I will be a 2010 graduate from high school.
- I will complete the admission process for Inver Hills Community College
- I understand that I must submit the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are unable to fill out this form for any reason, call 651-450-3733. All information will be kept confidential.
- I will participate in the free summer course
- I meet at least one of the following (please check all that apply):
  - My parents did not attend college
  - English is not my first language
  - I qualify for free and reduced lunch at my high school
  - I qualify for a federal Pell Grant for the current academic year
  - I am an American Indian or Alaska Native

*(A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central or South America and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.)*

- I am a student of color (select any that apply)

\_\_\_\_ Asian

*(A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent.)*

\_\_\_\_ Black or African American

*(A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)*

\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

*(A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)*

\_\_\_\_ Hispanic or Latino

*(Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture, regardless of race)*

### III) Admissions Steps Already Completed

I have already completed or submitted the following to Inver Hills:

- Inver Hills application
- Assessment test
- High school transcripts