



2020 Grant Applications Now Open

IWF is now accepting grant applications for the 2020 grant year. Deadline dates for submissions have changed from past years. All applications are now due by **April 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Applications and guidelines are available [here](#).

Would you like someone to review your application before you submit it? Request a mentor by sending an email to grants@iawf.org with "Mentor Inquiry" in the subject line. Requests must be made by March 4.

An information session will be held at the IWF office on March 14, 2019. An overview of IWF and its grantmaking policies will be provided to teach applicants how to prepare a competitive application. This session will also be available by electronic conferencing. RSVP to grants@iawf.org for more details.

Ovation Is Back!



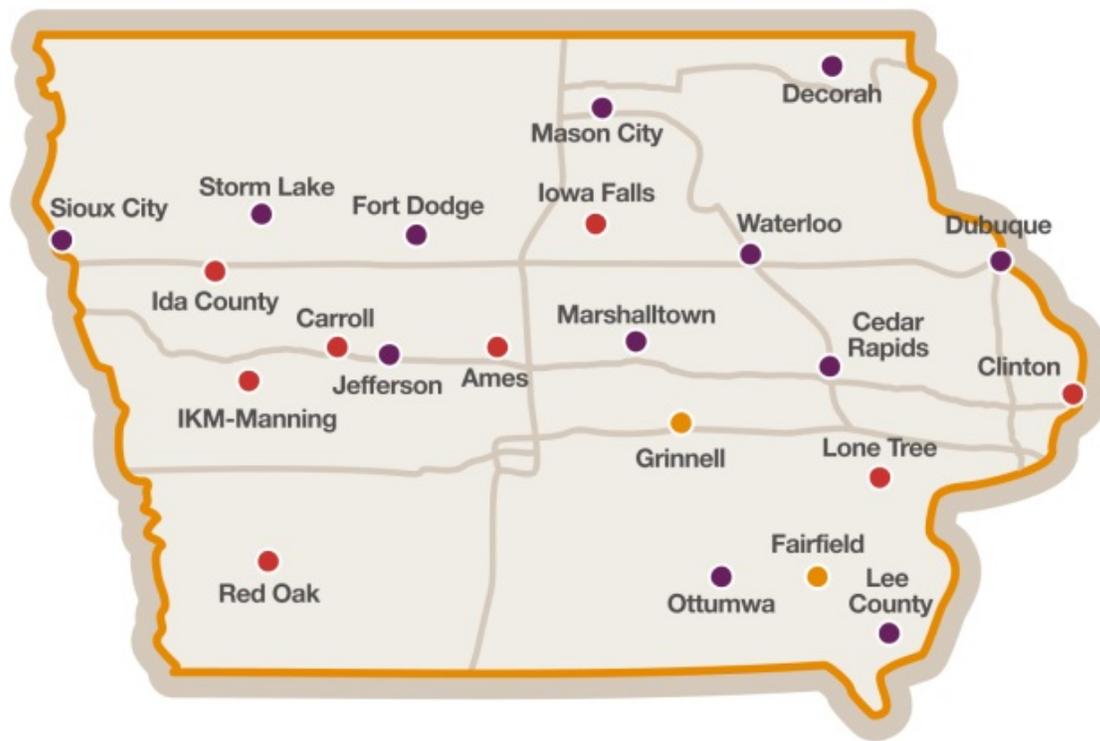
It's that time again! IWF's signature publication, **Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls**, offers a fun, simple, and unique way to honor a woman or girl who has made a difference in the lives of the people around them. Through these tributes, we get a glimpse of the individuals who have set wonderful examples for others as mentors, advocates, and role models, and lead the way for the next generation of women to become leaders themselves.

Ovation serves as a critically important part of IWF's annual operating funds and enables us to accomplish our mission. Monies raised through tributes help us to educate women and girls about philanthropy and play a leadership role in the challenges and opportunities facing women and girls in our state. Unveiling ceremonies are scheduled for May. **Deadline to submit tributes is March 29, 2019.**

Please join us in honoring the amazing women and girls in your community, and through your tax deductible contribution (as allowed by law), help us serve the women and girls who most need our support.

For more information or a 2019 Tribute Commitment Form, contact Ann at ann@iawf.org or visit our website [here](#).

Building Community Child Care Solutions



KEY

- Original tour community
- Community who asked to join the work
- Community using IWF materials

As a part of the **Building Community Child Care Solutions Tour**, IWF is working with 22 communities across the state to increase the accessibility and affordability of quality child care—our biggest initiative yet! During our 25th anniversary year, our goal is to collaborate with even more communities, so women and girls can increase their education and training, climb the ladder of success, and provide for their families.

Child care is not just a family issue—it’s also a business issue and a community issue. We know that access to affordable, quality child care can help lessen the workforce gap and strengthen local businesses. We also know there are many educated and trained employees in our state who are often forced to choose between their families and their employers. By giving these parents access to the kinds of child care they need, we free them up to focus on their work while alleviating stress—it’s a win for parents, a win for businesses, and a win for ALL Iowans.

Funding Child Care Solutions

A Public/Private Partnership has been started to help fund the solutions work being done across Iowa. This partnership will help raise awareness and funding for child care solutions that increase the availability of quality, affordable child care.

The Iowa Women’s Foundation has committed \$40,000 to the Child Care Solutions Fund (CCSF). We are asking Iowa businesses, community foundations, and philanthropists to match these funds and financially support the state work through the CCSF or their local Building Community Child Care Solutions Collaborative.

Iowa can invest in the state work by increasing support of Early Childhood

Iowa; offering tax credits for businesses, families, providers, teachers, and directors; and making child care a priority in Future Ready Iowa through funding of the Employer Innovation Fund and recognizing child care workers.

Want to be a part of your local Building Community Child Care Solutions collaborative? Head to the IWF website to get started: <https://iawf.org/get-the-facts/child-care-solutions/>.

\$25 for 25 Years



As IWF celebrates its 25th Anniversary, we invite you to join others in your community in making a contribution of \$25. Your support will help us meet the ambitious goal we set 25 years ago: awarding \$1,000,000 in grants.

Funds raised will help to shatter the six barriers identified as obstacles to women and girls' economic success: employment, child care, housing, education/training, transportation, and mentorship. Dollars raised will also help to increase the number of affordable, quality child care slots throughout the state, and make them more accessible to Iowa families.

Help us in our mission to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls. Together we are stronger, and our combined resources will continue to make a meaningful impact across the state. <https://iawf.org/your-support/donate/>

GIVE TODAY

