

## LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Chapter 33 of the 1987 *Code of Iowa* provides that the following are legal public holidays:

New Year's Day .....	January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday .....	Third Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday .....	February 12
Washington's Birthday .....	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day .....	Last Monday in May
Independence Day .....	July 4
Labor Day .....	First Monday in September
Veterans Day .....	November 11
Thanksgiving Day .....	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day .....	December 25

Chapter 31 and 186A of the 1987 *Code of Iowa* provides that the following are special observance days:

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day .....	The Sunday nearest January 15
*Arbor Day and Arbor Week .....	The last Friday in April and the week thereof
*Mother's Day .....	The second Sunday in May
*Father's Day .....	The third Sunday in June
*Independence Sunday .....	The Sunday preceding the Fourth of July
*Herbert Hoover Day .....	The Sunday nearest August 10
*Columbus Day .....	October 12
*Youth Honor Day .....	October 31
*Veterans Day .....	November 11

\*By proclamation of governor.

## THE IOWA AWARD

The Iowa Award is the state's highest citizen award. Its origins began in 1948 when Governor Robert D. Blue and the Iowa Legislature established the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation. The Foundation was assigned responsibility for managing the \$198,000 collected from the sale of memorial half-dollars during the Centennial year in 1947. One-half of the remaining proceeds from the coin sales is to be used for scholarships and to pay for the Iowa Award.



Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar

The scholarships are to be awarded annually to high school seniors and college students from Iowa who plan to attend a post-secondary school or already attend a school in Iowa. Information regarding scholarships may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Treasurer of State.

The Iowa Award was first awarded in 1951. The purpose of the Iowa Award, as defined by the Foundation, is to "encourage and recognize the outstanding service of Iowans in the fields of science, medicine, law, religion, social welfare, education, agriculture, industry, government and other public service" and to recognize the "merit of their accomplishments in Iowa and throughout the United States." By giving "awards, medals or any other proper means of recognition", the State of Iowa applauds the "outstanding ability, service and achievement by Iowans" and takes pride in sharing the outstanding benefits of their accomplishments. The Iowa Award is given approximately every five years.

The remaining one-half of the proceeds was placed in a trust which will be used to fund future state anniversary celebrations. In May of 1988, the fund stood at \$525,000.

The Foundation is comprised of the governor, treasurer of state, attorney general, president of the Board of Regents, former governors who have remained residents of Iowa and citizen trustees. Current citizen trustees are Carl Cacciatore, Des Moines; Murray Goodman, Des Moines; Mary Louise Smith, Des Moines; and George Mills, Des Moines.

### **Iowa Award Recipients**

1951	President Herbert Hoover
1956	Jay N. Darling
1961	Dr. Frank Spedding & Dr. James Van Allen
1966	Henry A. Wallace
1970	Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower
1975	Dr. Karl King
1978	Dr. Norman Borlaug
1980	Monsignor Luigi Liguitti
1984	George Gallup
1988	Meredith Wilson