

Bankers Trust Youth Board

The Youth Board consists of one senior student from high schools throughout the Des Moines metro.

How do student participants benefit?

Students will gain valuable experience with exposure to the banking environment and business processes. They will network with students from other schools and professionals at Bankers Trust. Youth Board participants may also use this experience for personal biographies on college applications or during a job interview. The Group Project gives them hands-on experience working with others, along with a presentation to the group at our graduation luncheon in May. At this time, students will receive an official Certificate of Participation, and may qualify for a scholarship from Bankers Trust. Students receive a \$20 travel stipend at every session, in addition to the scholarship.

What is expected of the student participants?

Senior students selected for the Youth Board will participate for a one year time period that coincides with the school year. An orientation meeting will be held in August and a 1½ hour monthly meeting September through April, with a Graduation session in May. Students attending high school in Ankeny, Carlisle, Dallas Center, Des Moines, Grimes, Johnston, Norwalk, Saydel, Waukee, West Des Moines and the Southeast Polk area will generally meet the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston. (See schedule included.) At each monthly meeting, students will participate in a variety of educational sessions and individual assignments.

Students will be expected to:

- Participate on the Youth Board during their Senior year.
- Attend at least 9 of the monthly scheduled meetings during each school year; missing more than one meeting may mean we will ask the school to assist us in selecting an alternate participant.
- Arrange for transportation to and from meetings.
- All participants will assist with completion of Annual Project.
- Agree to use their names, and possibly group photos, in press releases and other public relations initiatives.
- Complete monthly assignments as it relates to banking and actively participate in group discussions.
- Volunteer for one outside leadership activity, including a minimum of 20 volunteer hours.

What is the role of the school?

School educators and administrators know their students best. They are asked to assist with selecting a senior representative at the start of each academic year. Please note that there is no cost to either the student or school.

What are the student selection criteria?

- A desire to focus on Business in the future, in areas such as Business Administration, Marketing, Sales, Operations, Finance, etc.
- An outgoing and energetic personality.
- A strong academic background.
- Active participation in volunteer, community, and extra-curricular activities.