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Founded in 1986, the University of Northern Iowa Presidential Scholars Program is now in its fifth year. Each year fifteen young men and women are chosen for this special program of study which includes:

- A personally structured plan of liberal arts study;
- Scholars-only seminars each semester on a variety of topics;
- A senior thesis or project in their major fields; and
- Graduation with special honors and distinction.

To apply to become a UNI Presidential Scholar, students must have received an ACT score of 28 or better and be in the upper 10 percent of their high school classes. Final screening includes an interview and the writing of an essay during a visit to the Northern Iowa campus.

In 1987, the first Draftings in volume by Presidential Scholars was published: Draftings in Homer's Iliad and Odyssey.