Additional Q&A brought up at the Information Sessions

Q: What do I do if I have more than one continuing award?
A: Select one and talk about the others in the “Please list any honors or awards you have received.”

Q: My permanent residence has changed, what do I place for the county and how can I change it?
A: The permanent residence information is pulling from what you placed on your initial application to Iowa State. If it has changed, please enter your new permanent residence county and we can update the rest on the back end.

Q: For the essay, what if we don’t know what our professional and career goals are?
A: You can tell us that. If you think you may want to continue on to get an advance degree or teach or perform research or maybe be the president of your own global corporation, we want to know that. If you have no idea but are really enjoying your chem e courses and the research project you are involved with so maybe that would be your career goal, tell us that.

Q: How “flowery” should our responses be to the essay and short answer?
A: Know your audience. Some reviewers are ok with “fluff” in an essay, others not so much. We do want to see that you are creative but also that you have your own ideas.

Q: For the renewable energy question, what if I have an interest in more than one?
A: Select the option you are most interested in and in your short answer discuss what your other interest is and why you have an interest in both.

Q: I am a permanent resident but the application lists “I” for my citizenship status. Also which Visa do I choose?
A: “I” is the code that is used to indicate you are a permanent resident. Since you are a permanent resident, you do not need to choose a Visa type as we know you are able to work in the US which is a requirement for some of our awards.

Q: How should we list our work experience? Should we list our experience similar to a resume?
A: You can list your work experience similar to a resume. We really are looking to see if you work, if so how long have you worked at the location and what type of work you may have performed.

Q: Should we list our activities as a bulleted list or as an essay?
A: Either works ... it is up to you and how you are most comfortable submitting it. We are looking to see how involved you are while in school.

Q: Do we need to list all of our duties performed in the leadership area?
A: No. If you state you are/were the president, vice president, secretary or treasurer of a club or organization, we have an idea of how involved you are or have been with that club. If you feel your title doesn’t give us the entire picture of how involved you are/have been, feel free to list your duties.

Q: I’m a concurrently enrolled student and can’t access the application. Am I eligible to apply?
A: Yes, you are eligible to apply. Email engineeringscholarships@iastate.edu to be given access to the application.

Q: Some of my responses are the same for multiple questions on the application (i.e., my involvement in activities and leadership experience). Is it necessary to include the same information in different areas of the application or can I just refer the reader to my response to the other question?
A: Please list the information in each section it pertains too. Given the volume of applications, some scholarship committees will use computer programs to find students who best meet the donor’s criteria. Stating “see above” or “see response to...” could result in you being passed over for an award in which you would qualify for.