Iowa’s Roads Scholar program quietly kicked off in 2002, and now it’s time to make a little noise. Already several people have earned enough credits to qualify as “scholars.”

The Roads Scholar program recognizes transportation workers who are committed to improving their skills and increasing their knowledge. The program consists of:

- a core curriculum of training workshops,
- a system for tracking individuals’ workshop attendance, and
- recognition for levels of achievement (see the sidebar below).

How to participate
Participation is automatic and free to anyone who attends a qualifying workshop* or has participated in at least one such workshop since January 2000.

Iowa Roads Scholar Levels

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† Five core courses must be completed to achieve Senior Roads Scholar. They are:
- Basic math
- Flagger training
- Work zone safety
- Iowa Maintenance Training Expo
- Supervisory fundamentals

Check your status
Nearly 4,000 Iowans have received credit for workshops they’ve attended since January 2000. To check the number of credits you’ve earned in the program, see the Roads Scholar website, www.ctre.iastate.edu/roadscholar/**.

If you can’t find your record in the online database, contact Lori Wildeman, program coordinator, 515-294-1866, lwild@iastate.edu.

If your record doesn’t include credit for a particular workshop you’ve attended since January 2000, send Lori a copy of the workshop certificate (fax 515-294-0467), and she’ll add the credit to your record.

Supervisors can also review their employees’ training records.

Register for workshops online
CTRE and LTAP-sponsored workshops will be posted on the Roads Scholar website. Online registration will be available (though online payment will not).

Individuals can register themselves, or one person can register several people from one shop.

Workshop registration brochures will continue to be mailed to cities and counties, and you can continue to register by fax or e-mail if you wish.

For more information
Contact Lori Wildeman, LTAP program coordinator, 515-294-1866, lwild@iastate.edu, or see the program website, www.ctre.iastate.edu/roadscholar/.

*Qualifying workshops: You’ll automatically earn Roads Scholar credit when you participate in LTAP or CTRE-sponsored workshops. You may earn credit for attending workshops sponsored by other organizations. To find out, contact Lori Wildeman, 515-294-3781, lwild@iastate.edu.

**While you’re checking your workshop attendance record, you can update your address and other contact information. This information is for CTRE communications only.