

**2024 Write Now Hawkeye Haiku Contest  
Honorable Mentions**

**Grades 3 & 4:**

Families are kind  
They are stronger together  
Mine is REALLY cool

-Brooklyn F., Iowa

Related or not  
Families can be unique  
Families are love

-Eleanor M., Iowa

MY LOVING FAMILY  
WE DEPEND ON EACH OTHER  
HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS

-Sadie S., Iowa

I have five siblings  
We compete like Caitlin Clark  
But we are a team

-Kohen S., Iowa

A tree, strong and true  
Holding us all together  
Our family tree

-Dasha G., Iowa

**Grades 5 & 6:**

A family is  
Like a memory that you  
Will never forget

-Beckett K., Iowa

Exploding passion  
My family feels like this  
Radiating love

-Eli J., Iowa

“Family”

I feel safe with them  
Their embrace encapsules me  
Our love intertwined

-Gabby A., Iowa

A family is  
People united through love  
There for each other

-Ellie S., Iowa

No matter the size  
they are there when you need them  
always loving you.

-Harrison D., Iowa

Family means love  
They are the people you love  
And they love you too

-Konnor S., Iowa

**Grades 7 & 8:**

In the book of life  
They taught me how to read it  
I call them family

-Ressie H., Iowa

You favor my soul,  
you're the top of my bracket,  
my kin and best friend.

-Lou A., Iowa

Are all humans kin  
From the same celestial womb?  
Why fight our own kind?

-Harriet B-G., Iowa

## **Grades 9–12:**

“Define: Family”

Family is: hard;  
A whirlwind of love and loss;  
Unconditional.

-Nora A., Iowa

Dad cuts the turkey  
Mom passes around the plates  
We all say our thanks

-Isabella H., Iowa

Together we stand  
Age of life will take its toll  
Alone we will fall

-Ella S., Iowa

## **Adult, University of Iowa Alumni:**

Weather turns colder;  
a brief glimpse at their faces,  
I feel only warmth.

-Jennifer Cain (02BA, 09MSN), Iowa

“Family Circle”

Bond that only bends  
Greatest love that never ends  
Strive to make amends

-Brad Carlson (02BA), Iowa

Family is time.  
Wishing they stay forever,  
knowing time is short...

-Lisa Luong (23BS), Iowa

## **Adult, Friend of the University:**

Walking through my grief..  
Family is my anchor,  
that supports and heals.

-Monalisa Behera, Iowa

No matter how long  
'til we next meet, we still say,  
"See you tomorrow."

-Joseph Correa, Iowa

first family trip  
walk along a narrow path  
ducklings with their mom

-Sebastian Chrobak, Poland