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Availa Bank Receives Honorable Mention in 2023 Community Commitment Awards
Availa Bank's financial education program gets attention from the American Bankers Association Foundation awards.

Carroll, Iowa (December 11, 2023) – Availa Bank is proud to be recognized by the American Bankers Association (ABA) Foundation for their financial education outreach program. The bank recently received an honorable mention as part of the ABA Foundation's 2023 Community Commitment awards in the Financial Education category.

The Community Commitment awards are put on each year by the ABA to recognize financial institutions that have gone above and beyond in giving back to the community in the categories of Affordable Housing, Community and Economic Development, Financial Education, Economic Inclusion, Protecting Older Americans, Supporting Military Families, and Volunteerism.

Entries are judged by experts in their respective entry fields. They must address the needs of the community, the institution's role and involvement, program uniqueness and creativity, sustainability, program results, and community partnerships. The ABA bestows only winner or honorable mention honors to the award winners of each category. The American Bankers Association had 115 entries in the Community Commitment Awards for 2023. A link to an overview of Availa Bank's entry can be found here: [Availa Bank - Education Outreach Platform | American Bankers Association](#).

Jeff Scharfenkamp, President and CEO of Availa Bank, knows how important financial education is to the community. "Availa Bank believes that financial literacy and education is foundational to serving the needs of our customers and communities and we work hard at it every day. The recognition of our efforts in this area from the American Bankers Association is very much appreciated," he says.

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About Availa Bank: Availa Bank's roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank's mission – to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Omaha (LPO Only), Pocahontas, Sioux City, and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC.