

WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The basic goal of the state's Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program is to reward and keep in the state the brightest and the best students in Wisconsin. The District has the responsibility to select their scholarship designees with that goal in mind.

Scholarship recipients who are admitted to and enroll, on a fulltime basis, in a center or institution within the university of Wisconsin system, a technical college participating in the scholarship program, or a private institution of higher education located in Wisconsin that is participating in the program receive the award amount determined by the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). This scholarship is available to academic excellence scholars for up to four years (not to exceed eight semesters) provided they continue to meet academic requirements associated with the scholarship and funds are available.

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship will comply with the rules and procedures for the current scholarship year as defined by state law. A student is not eligible to receive both the Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Technical Education Excellence Scholarship.

Only those seniors who have been enrolled in Parkview High School for the final four semesters of high school and have completed and turned in form 461 – *Exhibit* by the deadline indicated by the school counselor/AES coordinator, of the final year of high school will be eligible for consideration for the academic excellence scholarship. The senior with the highest cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) rounded to the third decimal point at the end of the seventh semester (5th semester-if graduating in 3 years) will be selected as the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholar.

If two or more seniors have the same grade point average and are otherwise eligible for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship, a faculty group consisting of the high school principal, school counselor and members of the high school faculty Site Team shall select the applicable scholarship designee and certify, in order of priority, any remaining seniors with the same grade point average as alternate designees. The selection must be made by February 25th of each school year. The Board is required to make the scholar designation(s) to the HEAB as recommended by the high school faculty committee.

The following tiebreakers will be used for the State Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship:

1. First Tie Breaker - Written declaration of intent to attend a participating Wisconsin educational institution must be received by February 1st of their senior year.
2. Second Tie Breaker - ACT score must be on file at time of application. The highest composite ACT score is a determining factor.
3. Third Tie Breaker - Difficulty of Curriculum - Highest number of courses taken in Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced or Honors Courses.
4. Fourth Tie Breaker - Service to School: Extent of candidate leadership involvement in co-curricular activities. Point systems used by school co-curricular organizations or activities may be used as determining factors. 1 point awarded for each season completed of a co-curricular activity during the students' high school career.

5. Fifth Tie Breaker - If, after applying Criteria 1 through 4 above, more than one student remains eligible, the selection will be MADE BY LOT of those students remaining. Selection by lot means that the names of students that are still tie after steps 1-4 will be placed in an opaque container. The principal will blindly remove one name in the presence of two additional certified staff members. The first name removed will be the recipient of the scholarship. The second name removed will be the first alternate. The third name will be the second alternate, etc. The names will be recorded on a record sheet in the appropriate order and the principal and two certified employees that witnessed the process need to sign and date the form. The form will be filed in the high school office with the other documents related to the academic excellence scholarship.
6. Once the recipient has been identified, all other seniors with the same grade point average (GPA) as the selected scholar shall be named as alternate scholars. If there is more than one alternate scholar with the same GPA as the selected scholar, the committee will use Tie Breakers 1-5 to determine the order of the alternate scholars.
7. If there are no seniors with the same GPA as the scholar recipient, any remaining seniors with a GPA of 3.800 or above will be selected as alternate scholars and the order of ranking will be determined using Tie Breakers 1-5.

PROCEDURE:

Ties will be broken in sequence of tiebreakers listed. Once a tie is broken, steps further down the sequence will not be considered. The Board is responsible for determining the State Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship recipient as recommended by the high school faculty committee.

LEGAL REF.: 118.13 - Wisconsin Statutes
PI 9.03(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 461 Exhibit – Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Form
345.1 – Grading Systems
345.32 – High School Grade Advancement
411 – Equal Educational Opportunities
460 – Student Awards & Scholarships

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