

### **TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Wisconsin's Technical Excellence Scholarship is a state supported program, jointly administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). The scholarships are only for use at a Wisconsin Technical College within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) located within the state. A student who receives the Technical Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive the Academic Excellence Scholarship, and vice versa.

The number of seniors permitted by state law with a demonstrated exemplary level of proficiency in technical education subjects, as determined under these procedures, will be selected as the high school's designee(s) to receive the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship. Any ties will be broken and alternates will be designated as further provided by law and in these procedures.

The district's designation of its scholar(s) and alternates is not a final determination that the student has met, or will meet, all applicable requirements for receipt of the scholarship funds. If a senior selected for the scholarship declines the scholarship or is determined to be ineligible for the scholarship for any lawful reason, the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) may award the district's scholarship to a designated alternate recipient.

#### **DESIGNATING SCHOLARS AND ALTERNATES**

The district shall identify its Technical Excellence Scholarship designee(s) and alternate(s) using the following procedures:

In order to be eligible for nomination for the Technical Excellence Scholarship, a student must exhibit interest in a technical career. Prior to September 1, 2017, a student's school counselor or principal must affirm that the student has post-secondary plans related to a career in technical education. Thereafter, a student must have an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education. This requirement refers to the academic and career plans required under s. 115.28(59).

In addition, in order to be eligible for the Technical Excellence Scholarship, a student must have also completed at least one of the following eight eligibility items. Students must have:

1. Be a CTE Concentrator completer, which is a student who has completed at least (3) high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in program area(s) leading to a degree or diploma in the student's chosen pathway. A student may be enrolled in (rather than have completed) the third course at the time of their nomination for the scholarship.

[The definition of CTE course is the definition approved by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, Pl. 190-270 "Perkins IV", which is: a secondary-level course offered through the DPI-recognized program areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, Business and Information Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Education, Health Science Education, Marketing Education, or Technology and Engineering Education; such courses must be taught by a CTE instructor licensed for that specific discipline, except that courses in Health Science education may also be taught by a health education instructor and/or science licensed instructor.]

2. Participated in a Youth Apprenticeship Program under the supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
3. Participated in a Technical High School Diploma program as certified by the Wisconsin DPI
4. Participated in a Career and Technical Training pathway as defined by the Wisconsin DPI
5. Participated in a Skills Standards Program offered by the Wisconsin DPI
6. Completed (or on track to complete) an industry-recognized certification program approved under Wisconsin Statute 115.367(2)
7. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, or Skills USA
8. Completed a technical training program for high school students if the program is offered by a UW System school, a Wisconsin Technical College System school, a tribal college in Wisconsin, or a private nonprofit college or university located in Wisconsin. The program must be offered by a Wisconsin college or university; programs held at these campuses but offered by others are not eligible.

### **RANKING OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES**

The district shall identify its Technical Excellence Scholarship designee(s) and alternate(s) using the following point-based ranking system:

The student shall accrue points as follows for each 0.5 high school credit in either (1) a high school course that constitutes a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course; and/or (2) a course offered by, or in connection with, a Wisconsin Technical College in which the students are eligible to earn both high school and post-secondary credit and that the district Career and Technical Education Coordinator determines is sufficiently connected to a defined CTE pathway (e.g., the course is not primarily considered to be a general math, English, science, social studies, or foreign language course):

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| 1.0 point  | Grade of at least C- (but less than B-)  |
| 1.5 points | Grade of at least B- (but less than A-)  |
| 1.5 points | For each point-eligible 0.5 credit that a senior scholarship candidate is taking (i.e., the 0.5 credit is in progress, but not yet complete) during the semester in which the high school designates its scholars and alternates.  |
| 1.5 points | For each points-eligible 0.5 credit that a senior scholarship candidate has completed, but for which no transcript grade has been assigned (e.g., a course a transfer student took at a previous high school for which the district approved high school credit but did not assign a grade to include in the student's current (GPA) |
| 2.0 points | Grade of a least A-  |

