WISCONSIN TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Annually, by February 15, the recipients of the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship shall be selected by the High School Scholarship Committee. If the initial criteria outlined below fails to identify the recipients, the Scholarship Committee **s**hall use the ranking criteria as established by this policy. The number of recipients will be statutorily determined based on high school enrollment.

Initial Criteria

1. An eligible candidate is a high school senior.
2. An eligible candidate must exhibit interest in and planning for a technical career as evidenced by
    a. Prior to September 1, two years post-graduation, the candidate's school counselor or the High School principal must affirm the candidates post-secondary plans related to a technical career.
    b. Beginning on September 1, two years post-graduation, a student must have an academic and career plan leading to a technical career.
3. An eligible candidate must meet at least one of the following eligibility items.
    a. Be a CTE (Career and Technical Education) Concentrator, defined as completing at least three (3) high school CTE courses in program area(s) in the student's chosen pathway. The candidate can be enrolled in their third course at the time of their nomination.
    b. Participated in a Youth Apprenticeship Program under the supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.
    c. Participated in a Technical High School Diploma program as certified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
    d. Participated in a Career and Technical Training pathway as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
    e. Participated in a Skills Standards Program offered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
    f. Completed or be on track to complete an industry-recognized certification program approved under Wis. Stats. 115.367 (2).
    g. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: FBLA, FFA, or SkillsUSA.
    h. 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.

Ranking of Eligible Candidates

1. Candidates will be ranked based on the following point system reflective of course work and technical education experience.
    a. One point is given to a student for each credit earned in high school in CTE courses.
    b. One point is given to a student for each year of activity in a Career and Technical Student Organization in Wisconsin (For activity in multiple CTSOs, one point is to be given for each year of participation in each of the three CTSOs.)
    c. For the purpose of assigning a ranking among eligible candidates, credit hours in process at the time of nomination should be counted toward the number of credits the student has earned.
    d. If students are tied on points, students with equal points will be ranked on their GPA in CTE courses. This will be the first tie-breaker.
    e. Should students be tied after the first tie-breaker, the student with the highest composite score on the ACT shall be designated as the recipient or alternate. This will be the second tie-breaker.
    f. Should any recipients or alternates be tied after the first two tie-breakers, the High School Scholarship Committee shall select the recipients or alternate based on the number of school leadership positions held by the student. School leadership positions shall be defined as an officer position in an established, District approved activity, including athletic captains, co-curricular officers, club and activity officers, and student government officers. The decision of this committee in interpreting this provision shall be final.
    g. In the event any remaining tie has not been broken after the first three tie-breakers, the scholarship shall be awarded to the student who has attended Bonduel High School for the longest period of time.

Qualifications

1. The recipient must be a resident of Wisconsin and the United States who is either a citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident by the INS.
2. The recipient must be enrolled in the Bonduel High School for the last four (4) continuous full semesters prior to graduating from Bonduel High School. The seventh semester for computing GPA could be the third semester of continuous enrollment for the recipient.

Other Information

1. No scholarship shall be reallocated after February 15th.
2. In the event a student qualifies for both the Academic Excellence and Technical Excellence scholarships, the student shall identify which award they intend to accept.
3. The school recipients and alternates are final.
4. The recipient and alternates' GPA's shall include the same number of places past the decimal that the high school normally uses on the official high school transcript.
5. Students participating in the full time public school open enrollment program shall compete for the scholarship at the high school they actually attend.

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