

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

Students Scholarships and Awards – 460

Technical Excellence Scholarship (462.1)

Starting with the Graduating Class of 2015, the Technical Excellence Scholarship will be awarded to one (1) Brookwood High School Senior who has demonstrated the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The scholarship can only be used at a Wisconsin Technical College within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) located within the state. Half the scholarship is funded by the state and half is matched by the institution.

The Technical Education Scholarship's value is for \$2,250 per year to be applied towards tuition. The Technical Education Scholarship does not exceed six (6) semesters or a total of three (3) years. Semesters are defined as fall and spring semesters, not summer sessions or other shorter sessions.

Wisconsin Act 60 requires that the same student cannot receive the Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Technical Excellence Scholarship. It also requires the school district to designate scholars for the program by February 25 of each year. For the first year of the program, the school district has until March 23, 2015 to submit the designee to the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB).

Eligibility

Eligible students for the Technical Excellence Scholarship must be:

- a resident of Wisconsin.
- a citizen of the United States (or)
- an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence by the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- registered with the selective service.

Criteria

A high school senior must meet the following criteria:

1. A student must exhibit interest in and planning for a technical career by:
 - A. 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.
 - B. Beginning on September 1, 2017 a student must have an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education.
2. In addition, a student must also have completed the following criteria:
 - A. Complete at least three (3) high school career and technical education courses (CTE courses) in program area(s) leading to a diploma in the

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student's post-secondary education plan. A student may be enrolled in the third course at the time of their nomination for the Technical Education Scholarship

The definition of "CTE course" is to be that definition approved by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, P.L. 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 a science licensed instructor.

3. A student must be enrolled on a full-time basis at a participating Wisconsin Technical College by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year he/she was designated as the scholar to receive the Technical Education Scholarship.

Ranking of Eligible Candidates

The nomination of the Technical Excellence Scholarship will be made by the school district for the student who has the highest proficiency in technical education subjects. A ranking (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.....) will be calculated by the High School Principal and High School Guidance Counselor by February 10 of the senior year of the students who qualify for the Technical Excellence Scholarship. The ranking system will consist of a point system reflective of the course work and technical education experiences. The student with the highest number of points will be considered to be the student with the highest proficiency in technical education subjects and will be awarded the Technical Excellence Scholarship. The point system is as follows:

- One (1) point is given to a student for each credit earned in a high school CTE course as defined above.
- One (1) point is given to a student for each year of activity in a Career and Technical Student Organization offered by Brookwood High School. Those organizations are FFA, FCCLA, Electrathon Project.
- One (1) point is given per year to a student who successfully completes a school approved work experience or youth apprenticeship program as part of the school district's School-to-Work Program. The work experience or youth apprenticeship program must align with the student's career plan. Student may not work for relatives to get points in this area.

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Tie Breaking System

In case of a tie among two or more students, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Highest grade point average of student's CTE courses.

If a tie still exist,

2. Total number of the student's credit hours through seven (7) semesters plus the number of total credit hours in process during the eighth (8th) semester.

If a tie still exist,

3. The highest COMPASS Test Score.

Legal Reference: 2013 Wisconsin Act 60
 Wisconsin Statute 36.27
 Wisconsin Statute 115.28(59)
 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

Cross Reference:

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