

PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING THE WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

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The two seniors with the highest grade point average (GPA) based on seven semesters of the student's high school experience shall be selected as Waunakee Community High School's nominees to receive the Wisconsin Academic Excellence High Education Scholarship. Ties will be broken and alternates will be designated as further provided by law and in these procedures. A student who receives the Academic Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship, and vice versa.

Scholarship recipients and alternates shall be selected annually based on the students' GPA as it is normally determined by the High School and as shown, to the same number of decimal places, on the student's official transcript as of the last day of the fall semester prior to the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

The following are additional minimum eligibility requirements that the District has established for the Academic Excellence Scholarship:

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 Waunakee Community High School for the last four (4) continuous full semesters prior to graduating from Waunakee Community High School. The seventh semester for computing GPA could be the third semester of continuous enrollment for the recipient.

If a senior selected for the scholarship declines the scholarship or is determined to be ineligible for the scholarship for any lawful reason, the District's scholarship recipient shall be selected from the list of alternate designees with the next highest GPAs, in rank order. Per state law, no alternate may have less than a 3.800 GPA, or its equivalent.

In the case of a tie for the senior with the highest grade point average (GPA) and/or in the case of a tie in determining the rank order of alternate designees, the High School in consultation with other licensed high school staff as needed, shall determine the scholarship nominee and certify, in rank order, the District's alternates. The following procedure, approved by the high school faculty on [insert date], will be implemented to break ties:

1. The student with the most A.P. classes successfully completed will be designated as the recipient or alternate.
2. Should students be tied for any position on the list of recipients and alternates based on GPA and the most A.P. classes successfully completed, the student with the most A.P. classes and the highest cumulative score on the ACT shall be designated as the recipient or alternate.
3. Should any recipients or alternates be tied after the first two steps, the High School Scholarship Committee shall select the recipient 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.

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4. In the event any remaining tie has not been broken after the first three steps, the scholarship shall be awarded to the student who has attended Waunakee Community High School for the longest period of time.
5. The Scholarship Committee shall determine, in its discretion, how to rank candidates who remain tied after the above steps are followed. The Committee shall then rank order all recipients and alternates and scholarships shall be offered accordingly.
6. Should one or both recipients decide to decline the scholarship, he/she and his/her parents must sign a release for an alternate to receive the scholarship.

Other Information

1. No scholarship shall be reallocated after February 15th .
2. The school recipients and alternates are final.
3. 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.
4. 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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118.51(13)
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PI 9.03(1) Wisconsin Administrative Code

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345.1, Grading Systems
345.1-Rule, Specific Grading Systems (GPA Computation)
345.4-Rule, Promotion/Retention (Senior status)
460, Student Scholarships

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