

345.11 PROCEDURES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship is a state-supported program administered by the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). The program offers scholarship recipients a partial exemption from specified tuition and fees for post high school education at eligible higher education institutions in Wisconsin.

This scholarship began in the 1990-1991 school year. Each school district is entitled to a specific number of scholarships based on 9-12 enrollments. No student may receive both an Academic Excellence Scholarship and a Technical Excellence Scholarship.

Criteria Used for Selection

Consistent with the statute (39.41 of Wisconsin State Statutes), the senior student(s) with the highest grade point average in all subjects, based on the individual high school's grading scale and policy, will be eligible for this scholarship. Senior status is earned based upon three prior years of high school academic attendance and having earned 18 credits. Lincoln High School's grading/ranking scale includes non-weighted grades. Scholarship(s) will be awarded to the highest-ranking students as of the last day of the 2nd trimester senior year. The State of Wisconsin determines the number of scholarships for which the school district is eligible each year.

In case of a tie based on the GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) the following tie-breaking procedure will be used beginning with step number one and proceeding to additional steps as necessary:

1. The principal will request the tied students and/or parents to submit a written commitment indicating their intent to attend a college, university or technical school in the State of Wisconsin, within 14 days of official notification of a tie.
2. Students with the highest American College Testing (ACT) composite score officially received from ACT at Lincoln High School prior to the conclusion of the 2nd trimester senior year.
3. Students with the largest number of Advanced Placement (AP) course credits earned at Lincoln High School and Dual Enrollment course credits earned in the subjects of English, math, social studies, science, and world language approved by LHS at an institution of higher education term that ends just prior to the conclusion of the 2nd trimester senior year.
4. Students with the highest sub-score on the ACT Test. The next tiebreaker will be the second, third, and fourth highest sub-scores in that order.
5. The student with the most credits earned through the end of the 2nd trimester senior year shall be selected. This includes credits transferred and accepted by the school from other schools.
6. The principal will appoint a committee who will make the selection based on the following in no particular order:
 - ◆ Activity involvement in grades 9-12
 - ◆ Rigor of the curriculum
 - ◆ Number of credits completed in the term that ends just prior to February 15th
 - ◆ Any other factors as determined by the committee

The committee will consist of the high school principal, counselor(s), and teacher(s).

Students transferring into the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District must legally attend Lincoln High School for at least five full terms prior to March 10th of their senior year to qualify for this scholarship through our district. Early graduates are ineligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship. Courses taken through home based study

and foreign study abroad will be recorded on the student's official high school transcript as credit only, not to be included in the GPA.

LEGAL REF.: 39.41 – Wisconsin State Statutes

CROSS REF.: 345.12 – Procedures for Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarships

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