

**WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Annually, by February 15th, the recipient of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship shall be selected by the High School Scholarship Committee. If the initial criteria outlined below fails to identify the recipient, the Scholarship Committee shall use the secondary criteria as established by this policy.

Initial Criteria

The students shall be rank-ordered based on their cumulative GPA (grade point average) for the first seven semesters of their high school career. The recipients shall be those students with the two highest grade point averages. The alternates will be designated based on their grade points being equal to one of the two recipients.

Secondary Criteria

The Policy criteria will be applicable to graduating classes of 2009 and 2010.

1. Should students be tied for any position on the list of recipients and alternates based on GPA, the student with the highest cumulative score on the ACT shall be designated as the recipient or alternate.
2. Should any recipients or alternates be tied after the first two steps, the faculty leadership committee shall select the recipient or alternate based on a comparison of the student's involvement in school leadership positions and overall school citizenship. The decision of this committee shall be final.
3. The committee shall rank order all recipients and alternates.
4. 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.

The following criteria will be applicable to the graduating class of 2011 and all graduating classes thereafter.

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.

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.

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 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.

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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