

## **HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP (TES) 462**

It is the responsibility of the school to name the 12<sup>th</sup> grade pupil in each high school who has the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. 2015 Wisconsin ACT 91 requires the school district to designate scholars for the program to Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) by February 25<sup>th</sup> of each year. Additionally, the student with the highest grade point average must meet all graduation requirements established by the State of Wisconsin and scholarship policies established by the School District of Phillips Board of Education. The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the other half is matched by the institution. Eligibility of the scholarship does not exceed six semesters.

### **Selection Procedure**

1. A student must be enrolled for at least six credits by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated as a scholar, at a participating Wisconsin Technical College in Wisconsin.
2. No student may receive both a TES and an Academic Education Scholarship
3. In order to be eligible, a student must exhibit interest in and planning for a technical career [*WI State Statute 115.28(59)*].
  - Prior to September 1, 2017, school counselor or principal must affirm this.
  - After September 2017, a student must have an academic and career plan leading to post-secondary technical education.
4. In order to be eligible, a student must complete at least one of the following eight eligibility items.
  - a. Be a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrator
  - b. Participated in Youth Apprenticeship Program
  - c. Participated in a Technical High School Diploma program
  - d. Participated in a Career and Technical Training pathway
  - e. Participated in Skills Standards Program
  - f. Completed (or be on tract to complete) and industry recognized certification program
  - g. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, or Skills USA
  - h. Complete a technical training program
5. In addition to the HEAB requirements, there is an additional requirement that a student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.
6. 2013 Act 60 requires that nomination for TES scholarships be made by school districts for the student who has the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects based on the ranking system prepared by HEAB.
  - Based on a ranking system prepared by HEAB, the School District of Phillips uses a system based on HEAB's recommended system, which ranks students according to a point system reflective of course work and technical education experience.
    - o One point is given to a student for each credit-hour earned in high school in CTE courses.

- o One point is given to a student for each year of activity in CTSO listed above.
- o For purpose of assigning a ranking among eligible candidate, credit hours in process at the time of nomination should be counted toward the number of credits earned.

### **Tie Breaking Method**

In the case of a tie for the senior with the highest number of points under this system, the following tiebreakers will be used in this order:

- Grade point average in CTE courses, as defined above
- Grade point average in all courses; or
- If above does not produce a recipient, the Superintendent will supervise a coin toss or drawing to determine the recipient.

The School District of Phillips has received approval from HEAB for a provision in its TES ranking system requirement student to have a 3.0 GPA in order to be eligible for a TES award.

### **Alternate Designation**

As per the 2015 Wisconsin Act 91, the School District of Phillips is required to designate alternate technical excellence scholars. The following criteria for the designation will be used:

1. In the event of a tie with the highest grade point average, the application of the tie breaking procedure indicated above in the “Tie Breaking Method,” will be applied to determine the alternate(s).
2. In situations where there is not a tie for the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects and the tie-breaking procedure is not used, the board will designate any remaining seniors with the next highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects. Alternate scholars will be certified in order of priority.

### **Requirements**

1. The student is responsible to complete an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education.
2. The student is responsible to apply to a Wisconsin Technical School at his or her own expense.

The building principal is responsible for communicating these requirements to all students annually via the student handbook or other appropriate means.

Legal Refs: 2013 Wisconsin Act 60  
2015 Wisconsin Act 91

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