Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship Designation Board of Education Wrightstown Community School District

The Wrightstown Community School District believes that all students should be recognized for their achievement. The School District is eligible to select one senior for recognition as a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholar. Wisconsin's Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship is a state-supported program, jointly administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). The program offers scholarship recipients scholarships for post high school education at eligible technical education institutions in Wisconsin.

By February 25th of each school year, the School Board will designate one senior from the high school with the highest levels of proficiency in technical education subjects as the student eligible to receive a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.

The following standards must be met to qualify for the Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships. The student and alternates must:

- 1. be a resident of the United States who is either a U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;
- 2. be a Wisconsin resident as defined by 36.27 Wis. Stats;
- 3. have achieved senior status and have been in attendance at Wrightstown High School for four consecutive semesters during their junior and senior year;
- 4. be selected based on the highest levels of technical proficiency as of the last day of the semester which ended just prior to February 25.

Any ties will be broken and alternates will be designated based on the following criteria:

- 1. The student with the highest GPA will be selected.
- 2. If a tie still exists, the student with the highest ACT score would be selected.
- 3. If a tie still exists, the student who has earned the most credits through seven semesters would be selected.
- 4. If a tie still exists, a flip of the coin by the Board President shall determine the recipient.

A student who receives a Technical Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship, and vice versa.

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Level of Proficiency Criteria

The District shall develop criteria to determine the level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The faculty of the high school will use those criteria to select the appropriate senior for designation as scholars or to certify alternates.

Eligibility Criteria

- A student must exhibit interest in and planning for a technical career. The student must submit proof of acceptance into a technical college program by the last day of the first semester of the academic year.
- 2. The student must have successfully completed at least (4) high school career and technical education (CTE) courses. The student must submit a transcript of grades showing a minimum of (4) CTE courses completed with a grade of B or above by the end of the 7th semester. The CTE credits may have also been earned through participation in Youth Apprenticeship courses.

The students meeting the eligibility criteria will be ranked based on the HEAB recommended ranking system.

- 1. One point will be given to a student for each CTE credit earned with a grade of B or better.
- One point will be given to a student for each year of participation in FBLA and/or FFA.
- 3. If tied, the highest GPA in CTE courses as recorded on a 4.0 scale will be the scholarship recipient. GPA averages will be rounded to the hundredths place to determine award winners.

Except for the limitation on the number of designated scholars, the faculty of the high school shall select the applicable number of seniors for designation as scholars and shall certify, in order of priority, any remaining seniors with the same level of proficiency as alternates for the scholars or, if there is no remaining senior with the same level of proficiency, any remaining seniors with the next highest level of proficiency as alternates for the scholars.

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