

5451.01 - WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Wisconsin's Academic Excellence 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 an exemption from specified tuition and fees for post high school education at eligible higher education institutions in Wisconsin.

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

- A. Be a resident of the United States who is either a U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;
- B. Be a Wisconsin resident as defined in 36.27 Wis. Stats.;
- C. Have achieved senior status and have been in attendance for one (1) full semester during their senior year if s/he transferred from another high school in Wisconsin or for three (3) semesters if s/he transferred from a high school outside Wisconsin; and
- D. Must be selected based on the Grade Point Average (GPA) (carried out to the third decimal point) on the students official transcript as of the last day of the semester which ended just prior to February 15th for schools operating on a semester system).

The grade point average (GPA) computation will be in accord with School Board Policy 5430 - Class Rank. In selecting the scholarship recipient(s) for the Academic Excellence Scholarship, unweighted grades will be used to compute grade point averages.

Students enrolled under the Chapter 220 Program and full-time public school Open-Enrollment Program who qualify based on the standards identified above are eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship in the school they actually attend.

The scholarship(s) will be awarded to the qualifying student(s) with the highest grade point average. In the event of a tie involving the GPAs the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below to select a winner when a tie exists among students.

1. Number of credits earned in AP, Challenge and any courses the Student earned transcribed credit from a four-year college (at the end of the 7th semester).
2. Number of academic credits earned (as of the completion of the 7th semester). Academic credits are defined as those from the following core academic areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and World Language.
3. Number of overall credits earned.
4. The highest ACT and/or SAT composite. If an SAT score is used, the SAT score would be converted to an ACT score via the ACT-SAT Concordance.
5. As a final tie breaker, names of all eligible students would be drawn to determine scholarship recipients.