

## **461 – Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship**

## **Rule**

The seniors with the highest grade point average (GPA) based on seven semesters of the student's high school experience shall be selected as nominees to receive the Wisconsin Academic Excellence High Education Scholarship. Ties will be broken and alternates will be designated as further provided by law and in these procedures. A student who receives the Academic Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship, and vice versa.

Scholarship recipients and alternates shall be selected annually based on the students' GPA as it is normally determined by the High School to the fourth decimal place as of the last day of the fall semester prior to the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

The following are additional minimum eligibility requirements that the District has established for the Academic Excellence Scholarship:

1. A student has senior status for purposes of competing for the scholarship if: (1) the student is in his/her fourth year of high school and (2) by no later than the end of the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded, the student must have completed or be expected to complete all of the District's high school graduation requirements. A student cannot compete for the scholarship in more than one school year.
2. The student must be enrolled in Auburndale High School as a full-time student or participating in a District-approved foreign exchange program during the spring semester of his/her senior year, or he/she must have graduated from Auburndale High School early at the conclusion of the fall semester prior to the semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. The student must have been enrolled full-time in Auburndale High School for at least three (3) complete semesters prior to the start of the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
4. While enrolled in Auburndale High School, the student must have earned a minimum of ten (10) graded credits that are included in the student's calculated grade point average.

If a senior selected for the scholarship declines the scholarship or is determined to be ineligible for the scholarship for any lawful reason, the District's scholarship recipient shall be selected from the list of alternate designees with the next highest GPAs, in rank order. Per state law, no alternate may have less than a 3.800 GPA, or its equivalent.

In the case of a tie for the senior with the highest grade point average (GPA) and/or in the case of a tie of alternate designees, a Faculty Committee appointed by the Building Principal shall determine the District's scholarship nominee and alternates. The following procedure will be used in this order:

1. If an American College Test (ACT) score is available for all of the students who are tied, the student with the highest available ACT composite score shall determine the District's scholarship nominee and alternates. A student's ACT score must be received by the District by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered.
2. The student with the highest GPA in the core academic subject areas of Mathematics, Science, English/Composition, and Social Studies, using the highest grades students have earned in each subject for up to the minimum number of credits in each such subject that is required for high school graduation. For example, if the student has earned four credits in Social Studies courses, but only three Social Studies credits are required for high school graduation, the student's lowest grade within that subject area will not be used in the tie-breaking calculation.
3. The student with the most high school credits earned by the end of the semester prior to the semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
4. The drawing of a name out of a "hat".

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