

462 - TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The senior with the most points as determined by the point system described below shall be selected as Auburndale High School's nominee to receive the Technical Excellence Scholarship. Ties will be broken and alternates will be designated as further provided by law and in these procedures. A student who receives the Technical Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive the Academic Excellence Scholarship, and vice versa. The scholarships are only for use at a Wisconsin Technical College within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) located within the state.

Scholarship recipients and alternates shall be selected annually based on the point system described below as it applies to the courses taken and grades earned on the student's transcript as well as Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) activities completed 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 Technical Education 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 or an equivalent-level program; 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 the District's 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 the High School early at the conclusion of the fall semester prior to the semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. Students must be enrolled full-time in the School District of Auburndale for at least three complete semesters prior to the start of the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
4. In order to be eligible for nomination for the Technical Excellence Scholarship, a student must exhibit interest in a technical career. Prior to September 1, 2017, a student's school counselor or principal must affirm that the student has post-secondary plans related to a career in technical education. Thereafter, a student must have an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education. (This requirement refers to the academic and career plans required under s. 115.28(59)).

5. In addition, in order to be eligible for the Technical Excellence Scholarship, a student must have also completed at least one of the following eight eligibility items. Students must have:

- a. Been a CTE Concentrator completer, which is a student who has completed at least 3 high school career and technical education (CTE) courses in program area(s) leading to a degree or diploma in the student's chosen pathway.

[The definition of CTE course is the definition approved by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, PL. 190-270 "Perkins IV", which is: a secondary- level course offered through the DPI-recognized program areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, Business and Information Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Education, Health Science Education, Marketing Education, or Technology and Engineering Education; such courses must be taught by a CTE instructor licensed for that specific discipline, except that courses in Health Science education may also be taught by a health education instructor and/or science licensed instructor.]

- b. Participated in a Youth Apprenticeship Program under the supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
- c. Participated in a Technical High School Diploma program as certified by the Wisconsin DPI
- d. Participated in a Career and Technical Training pathway as defined by the Wisconsin DPI
- e. Participated in a Skills Standards Program offered by the Wisconsin DPI
- f. Completed (or on track to complete) an industry-recognized certification program approved under s. 115.367(2)
- g. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin (i.e., DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, or Skills USA)
- h. Completed a technical training program for high school students if the program is offered by a UW System school, a Wisconsin Technical College System school, a tribal college in Wisconsin, or a private nonprofit college or university located in Wisconsin. The program must be offered by a Wisconsin college or university; programs held at these campuses but offered by others are not eligible.

The point system used to rank eligible candidates is listed below:

1. One point is given to a student for each credit-hour earned in high school in CTE courses, as defined above. Semester courses will be awarded 0.5 points and year-long courses will be awarded 1.0 points. Youth and Course Options courses will be awarded 1.0 points.
2. One point is given to a student for each year of activity in a CTSO in Wisconsin, as defined above. For activity in multiple organizations, one point is to be given for each year of participation in each of the six CTSOs.

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:

1. Grade point average in CTE courses, as defined above;
2. Grade point average in all courses; or
3. The drawing of a name out of a "hat".

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