

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE 461 - WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

- A. The Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship (AES) provides up to \$2,250 towards tuition at a participating University of Wisconsin (UW) institution, Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institution, or private post-secondary institution in Wisconsin. The full \$2,250 is paid where tuition is \$2,250 or more; where full-time tuition is less than \$2,250, the actual full-time tuition is paid.
- B. The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship. The selected student(s) and alternates must:
1. Be a resident of the United States who is either a U.S. citizen or an alien who is admitted lawfully for permanent residence;
 2. Be a Wisconsin resident as defined in 36.27 Wis. Stats;
 3. Have achieved senior status and have been in attendance for four (4) consecutive semesters prior to awarding the scholarship.
- C. There is no actual application form or process for the AES. The AES is awarded to the high school senior student who has the highest grade point average (GPA) in his or her graduating class. Officials from the high school determine who that student is as of the end of the first semester of the senior year, and they report that student's name to Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) by February 25. (They also report the names of any alternates for the AES; alternates are students who have the same GPA as the AES recipient but who were not chosen to receive the AES when tie-breaking criteria were applied. If there are no other students with the same GPA, any remaining seniors with the next highest GPA will be reported.)
- D. In the event of a tie in GPA, the senior transcript will be evaluated as follows:
1. The senior who has the highest composite American College Test (ACT) score as of the end of the seventh semester of high school shall be named the scholar.
 2. In the event that a tie still exists, the senior with the highest sub score will be named the scholar. Sub scores will be evaluated in the following order:

- a. English
 - b. Mathematics
 - c. Science
 - d. Social Studies
- E. A senior is considered qualified for the scholarship if he/she is admitted to and enrolls, on a full-time basis, in a center or institution within the University of Wisconsin system or a technical college or private institution of higher education in the state that is participating in the scholarship program. The student must be enrolled by September 30 of the academic year immediately following the school year in which the senior was designated as a scholar.
- F. If a senior that has been designated as the high school's scholar does not qualify for a higher education scholarship, the highest-ranking alternative senior with the next highest grade point average as the original designee shall be eligible for the higher education scholarship and the same tie-breaking criteria shall be applied as listed above.

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