

TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (TES)

The School District of Colby shall annually designate a Technical Excellence Scholar for purposes of the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship. The scholar shall be the eligible senior with the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in Career & Technical Education (CTE) subjects based on the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) recommended ranking system for eligible students. The definition of CTE course is defined under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, P.L. 190-270 "Perkins IV," which is: a secondary-level course offered through the DPI-recognized programs 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 the courses in Health Science Education may be taught by a health education instructor and/or science licensed instructor. A factor in the selection of the scholar is grade point average (GPA). The GPA shall be determined in accordance with the policy established by the School District of Colby Board of Education. Additionally, the student with the highest grade point average must meet all graduation requirements established by the state of Wisconsin and scholarship policies established by the Colby School District Board. The scholar shall be named in accordance with timelines required by ACT 60. Scholars are to be selected for the program to HEAB by February 25 of each year.

The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the other half is matched by the institution. Eligibility of the scholarship does not exceed six semesters.

Selection Procedure

1. A student must be enrolled as a full-time student through seven semesters.
 - b. The student must have attended Colby High School as a full-time student for four semesters (mid-point of sophomore year to mid-point of senior year).
2. No student may receive both a TES and an Academic Excellence Scholarship.
3. In order to be eligible, a student must exhibit interest in and planning for a technical career.
 - * prior to September 1, 2017, a school counselor or principal must affirm this.
 - * after September 2017, a student must have an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education (Wisconsin statutes 115.28[59]).
4. In order to be eligible, a student must complete at least one of the following eight eligibility items:
 - A. Be a CTE concentrator
 - B. Participated in youth apprenticeship program
 - C. Participated in a technical high school diploma program
 - D. Participated in a career and technical training pathway
 - E. Participated in skills standards program
 - F. Completed (or be on tract to complete) and industry-recognized certification program
 - G. Participated in a career and technical student organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: Such as FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Skills USA.
 - H. Complete a technical training program

5. The School District of Colby will use the HEAB-recommended ranking system. The HEAB ranking system consists of ranking eligible students according to a point system reflective of course work and technical education experience.
- *one point is given to a student for each credit-hour earned in high school in CTE courses.
 - *one point is given to a student for each year of activity in CTSO listed above.
 - *for purpose of assigning a ranking among eligible candidate, credit hours in process at the time of nomination should be counted toward the number of credits earned.

Tie breaking method

When students emerge from the point system with tied scores, CTE grades become the tie-breaker. The grades used for this purpose are only those grades earned in CTE courses, not a student's overall grade point.

Alternate designation

As per the 2015 Wisconsin Act 60, the school district of Colby is required to designate alternate technical excellence scholars. The following criteria for the designation will be used.

1. In the event of a tie with the highest grade point average, the application of the tie breaking procedure indicated above in the "tie breaking method," will be applied to determine the alternate(s).
2. In situations where there is not a tie for the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects and the tie-breaking procedure is not used, the board will designate any remaining seniors with the next highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects. Alternate scholars will be certified in order of priority.

Student requirements

1. The student is responsible to complete an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education.
2. The student is responsible to apply to a Wisconsin technical school at his or her own expense.

The building principal is responsible for communicating these requirements to all students annually via the student handbook or other appropriate means.

Cross References: Wisconsin Statutes 39.415 (Wisconsin Act 60)
Wisconsin Statutes 115.28[59] Academic and Career Plan
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006
District Policy #345.11 (HEAB)

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