

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED: February 19, 2015

FILE SECTOR: STUDENTS

**POLICY TITLE: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL
EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Medford Area Public Schools will participate in the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship Program as determined by state law. The board of education shall name the 12th grade student or students who have the highest total points based on the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) ranking system. The selection procedures followed will be based on state law and guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board. The number of scholars named will be officially designated by the Higher Education Aids Board based on enrollment.

In order to be eligible for nomination of a Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES), a student must exhibit interest in and plan for a technical career at a Wisconsin Technical College within the Wisconsin Technical College System located within the State of Wisconsin. A student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated as a scholar, at a participating Wisconsin Technical college. No student may receive both a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES) and an Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES). In addition, to be an eligible candidate for a TES, a student must also have completed at least one of the following eight (8) eligibility items:

1. Be a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrator;
2. Participated in a Youth Apprenticeship Program;
3. Participated in a Technical High School Diploma Program;
4. Participated in a Career and Technical Training Pathway;
5. Participated in a Skills Standards Program;
6. Completed, or on track to complete, an industry-recognized certification program;
7. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, or Skills USA;
8. Completed a technical training program for high school students.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, a student must have attended Medford Area Senior High School for two (2) full semesters preceding the senior year and for the entire senior year (7th and 8th semester).

Annually, at the end of the last full semester preceding February 15, the board of education shall select the senior(s) with the highest total points based on the following HEAB ranking system.

- One point is given to a student for each credit earned in high school in CTE courses.
- One point is given to a student for each year of activity in a Career and Technical Student Organization.
- For the purpose of assigning a ranking among eligible candidates, credit hours in process at the time of nomination should be counted toward the number of credits the student has earned.

In the case of a tie, (two or more students with the same total points) the following shall be applied in the order indicated:

1. The student grade point average in all Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses taken during grade 9 through 12.
2. The students cumulative grade point average earned in all courses taken during grade 9 through 12.

For the purpose of this scholarship, a student who has transferred into the Medford Area Public School District may be considered to have senior standing when he/she has sufficient approved credits so that he/she can meet all of the Medford Area Senior High School graduation requirements within one school year. A student must also, by the end of the seventh (7th) semester, have at least 20 credits of approved courses that have been assigned a letter grade based on the district's "Grading System" policy. Pass/fail grades, grades earned in another country, or any other grades that have not been approved based on district policy will not be included in the grade point average, nor will they count toward the above required 20 credits.

CROSS REFERENCE: IKA, JECBB & JECBB-R, JIA

LEGAL REFERENCE: §39.41, Wis. Stats., HEAB 9 Wis. Admin. Code