

**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RURAL VIRTUAL ACADEMY**

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**FILE SECTOR: RURAL VIRTUAL ACADEMY**  
**POLICY TITLE: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL  
EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) will participate in the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES) Program as determined by state law. School administration, under the guidance of the RVA Governance Board, shall name the graduating 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 HEAB. The number of scholars named will be officially designated by the HEAB based on enrollment.

In order to be eligible for nomination of a TES, a student must exhibit interest in and plan for a technical career within a Wisconsin Technical College System located in Wisconsin. A student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30 of the academic year following the academic year in which they were designated as a scholar, at a participating Wisconsin Technical college. No student may receive both a Wisconsin 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 eligibility items:

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

In order to qualify for this scholarship, a student must have attended the RVA for four full semesters immediately preceding the graduation year.

Annually, at the end of the last full semester preceding February 15, the RVA shall select the graduating student(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 CTSO.
- 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 CTE courses taken during high school.
2. The students cumulative grade point average earned in all courses taken during high school.

**CROSS REFERENCE:** RVA-IKE, RVA-JI

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** HEA 9 Wis. Admin. Code, 39.41 Wis. Statute