Students in the School District of Neillsville shall be informed annually of any available scholarships and awards.

Literature concerning available scholarships and awards shall be included in the student handbook, and/or posted in the school building, and/or available through the guidance counselor.

Criteria for school district awards and scholarships shall be developed consistent with school district goals and objectives.

In the event of a tie for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, the scholarship recipient will be determined by applying the following criteria, in order, until the tie is broken:

- 1. Higher grade point average calculated to five decimal points.
- 2. Plans to attend in-state school vs. out-of-state school. (This step will be applied only in cases where the students involved have expressed, in writing, firm commitments to attend a particular school. All students involved will have the implications of their decision explained to them, and will be asked to declare their intentions, if known, in writing.)
- 3. ACT score (composite).
- 4. Laude score.
- 5. Random drawing.

To be eligible for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, a student must have attended at least four semesters at Neillsville High School, one of which must be their seventh semester.

The School District of Neillsville will not recognize a valedictorian and/or salutatorian after the graduating class of 2019.

The School District of Neillsville shall not discriminate in acceptance and administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations, or persons on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap.

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