

It is the responsibility of the board of education of each school district to name the 12<sup>th</sup> grade pupil in each high school who has the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. Wisconsin Act 60 requires the school board to designate scholars for the program to the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) by February 25<sup>th</sup> of each year. 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 School District of Neillsville's Board of Education.

### Selection Procedure

1. 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.
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.
  - a. Prior to September 1, 2017, student counselor or principal must affirm this.
  - b. After September 2017, a student must have an academic and career plan leading to a career in technical education (ss.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 career and technical education (CTE) concentrator (three (3) courses in a CTE area)
  - b. Participated in a 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 standard program
  - f. Completed (or be on tract to complete) an industry recognized certification program
  - g. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, or Skills USA
  - h. Completed a technical training program
5. Wisconsin Act 60 requires that nomination for TES scholarships be made by school districts for the student who has the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects based on the ranking system prepared by HEAB.
  - a. 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.

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**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 2015 Wisconsin Act 60, the School District of Neillsville 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 College 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.

The School District of Neillsville does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin (including limited English proficiency), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, physical disability, mental disability, emotional disability, learning disability, or any other reason prohibited by law.

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