

2013 WISCONSIN ACT 60

This new law creates a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) will award scholarships to scholars designated on the basis of the student's demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects, provided that the recipient enrolls in a participating technical college district school on a full-time basis.

In order to administer the scholarship program, each school board of a school district operating a high school shall:

- develop criteria to determine high school seniors' level of proficiency in technical education subjects;
- submit the criteria to, and have the criteria approved by, the HEAB; and
- use the approved criteria to select high school seniors for designation as scholars and to certify alternates.

A student may not receive both an Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship and a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.

This new law first applies to students who enroll in a technical college district school in the 2015-16 academic year.

For each high school with an enrollment of at least 80 pupils but fewer than 500 pupils, designate the senior with the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects as a scholar.

Act 60 requires school districts to designate scholars for the program by February 25 of each year beginning in 2015.

The attached document is the recommended School Board approved criteria to meet the requirements of Act 60 and provide the guidelines for selection of a THS student. This recommended criteria was established with input from administration, technical education staff, guidance department staff, CESA LVEC and other school district sample policies.