

<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE POLICY</b>	<b>461 – Wisconsin Higher Education Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>
	<b>Students</b>

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Wisconsin’s Academic Excellence Scholarship is a State supported program, jointly administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). The program offers scholarship recipients an exemption from specified tuition and fees for post high school education at eligible higher education institutions in Wisconsin.

The following standards must be met to qualify for the Academic Excellence Scholarships. The student and alternates must:

- A. be a resident of the United States who is either a U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;
- B. be a Wisconsin resident as defined in 36-27 Wis. Stats.;
- C. have achieved senior status and have been in attendance for three (3) consecutive semesters during their junior and senior year(s).
- D. must be selected based on the Grade Point Average (GPA) on the student’s official transcript as of the last day of the semester which ended just prior to February 15<sup>th</sup>. (for school operating on a semester system).

The grade point average (GPA) computation will be in accord with School Board Policy 345.11 Class Rank. In selecting the scholarship recipient(s) for the Academic Excellence Scholarship, grades for seven (7) semesters will be used to compute grade point averages.

Student enrolled under the full-time public school Open-Enrollment program who qualify based on the standards identified above are eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship in the school they actually attend.

The scholarship(s) will be awarded to the qualifying student(s) with the highest grade point average. The scholar’s GPA shall be computed to as many places past the decimal point as necessary to determine a distinction between the scholars..

In the event of a tie involving the GPAs:

- A. the first tie-breaker will be a student who has filed an application with their counselor to enroll at an eligible higher education institution in Wisconsin.
- B. the second tie-breaker will be the student’s ACT composite score available by January 15. The scholar with the highest ACT score will be selected;
- C. the third tie-breaker will be the student with the highest PSAT selection index; A student may select English, mathematics, reading or science to determine the highest sub-score. Subsequent tie breakers will be the second, third and fourth sub-scores in that order.
- D. In the event a fourth tie-breaker is needed, the GPA will be recalculated using semester grades from academic subjects only (i.e. English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language)

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**Cross Reference: 345.11 Class Rank**  
**Legal Reference: Wis. Stats., 39.41**