



State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board

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DATE: February 1, 2016
TO: Academic Excellence Scholarship contact person
FROM: Nancy Wilkison, AES coordinator
SUBJECT: 2016-17 Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipients

THE AES NOMINATION FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY **MARCH 1, 2016.**

E-MAIL TO NANCY.WILKISON@WI.GOV WITH SUBJECT LINE AES NOMINATION FORM

OR

MAIL TO AES NOMINATION FORM, PO BOX 7885, MADISON, WI, 53707

General Information about the AES:

- ⇒ Wisconsin's top high school seniors are awarded the Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES). They must be citizens or permanent residents of the US and residents of Wisconsin.
- ⇒ By **February 25**, the high school must choose the senior with the highest cumulative grade point average as of the end of fall semester. High schools with enrollments above 500 may award more than one scholarship.
- ⇒ The AES provides up to \$2250 per year for tuition at a Wisconsin college or university for up to four years. The scholarship must be used at a University of Wisconsin, an Independent College or University, or at a Wisconsin Technical College. When HEAB receives the names of the AES recipients, a form is e-mailed to the student asking for the name of the college they will attend. HEAB notifies the college of the student's AES, and the college and HEAB jointly disburse the money and apply it directly to the student's tuition. We also send a presentational certificate for you to give your AES recipients.

Information about this year's AES Nomination Form:

- (a) You provide the enrollment number as of the third Friday in September for grades 9-12.
- (b) You then can provide the number of scholarship your school will be awarded.
- (c) We no longer need SSNs on the school nomination form.
- (d) You provide a current email address for students. Do not use school affiliated addresses.

Enrollment	Number of Scholarships
1-79	MAYBE 1
80-499	1
500-999	2
1000-1499	3
1500-1999	4
2000-2499	5
Over 2500	6

- ⇒ The scholarship recipient(s) you list should be the student(s) with the **highest cumulative GPAs** regardless of whether or not they plan to use the AES in-state. If you have any unique questions about this, please contact me.
- ⇒ If you have an **unweighted grading system**, because of new legislation you may list as alternate the students with the next highest GPAs, not lower than 3.8.
- ⇒ If you have a **weighted grading system**, wherein an A may be worth more grade points in some courses than in others, then you may list as alternates for the AES the students with the next highest GPAs.
- ⇒ Please enter the cumulative GPA for each student **as it is shown on your official high school transcript**
- ⇒ Enter the student's composite ACT score. We are collecting them this year for statistical purposes only.

Note:

- ⇒ Please submit names exactly as the student wishes to have their name on the certificate. We will no longer send corrected certificates.
- ⇒ Alert all recipients and alternates of their AES status as early as possible. Let them know they will be receiving important information via email.
- ⇒ Please ask students for **current email addresses**. Do not use any school affiliated addresses ending in @k12.wi.us or ending in @__.org. I will send these forms back to you if I don't have correct information.
- ⇒ Statutes and the rules for the AES program can be found on our website: www.heab.wi.gov
- ⇒ **Nominations cannot be changed once they are received at HEAB and student emails have gone out. Errors are handled by the high school.**
- ⇒ Contact me, Nancy Wilkison: 608-267-2213, or nancy.wilkison@wi.gov , or HEAB/AES PO 7885 Madison WI 53707

These are the colleges at which the Academic Excellence Scholarship may be used:

Wisconsin Technical Colleges	UW System Colleges	Wisconsin Independent Colleges and Universities	Wisconsin Universities
Blackhawk	Baraboo	Alverno	Eau Claire
Chippewa Valley	Barron County	Bellin College of Nursing	Green Bay
Fox Valley	Fond du Lac	Beloit	La Crosse
Gateway	Fox Valley	Cardinal Stritch	Madison
Lakeshore	Manitowoc	Carroll	Milwaukee
Madison Area	Marathon County	Carthage	Oshkosh
Mid-State	Marinette	Concordia	Parkside
Milwaukee Area	Marshfield	Edgewood	Platteville
Moraine Park	Richland	Herzing University	River Falls
Nicolet Area	Rock County	Lakeland	Stevens Point
North Central	Sheboygan	Lawrence	Stout
Northeast	Washington County	Maranatha Baptist	Superior
Southwest	Waukesha	Marian	Whitewater
Waukesha County		Marquette	
Western WI		Milwaukee Institute of Art	
WI Indianhead	Tribal Colleges	Milwaukee School of Engineering	
	Lac Courte Oreilles	Mount Mary	
	Menominee Nation	Northland College	
		Northland International University	
		Ripon	
		Silver Lake	
		St. Norbert	
		Viterbo	
		Wisconsin Lutheran	

If the student does not attend one of these colleges, they will not be eligible to receive funds from the Academic Excellence Scholarship. They will be asked to sign a release so I can offer the scholarship to an alternate.

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