

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**  
**February 25, 2011**

**HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD**

**BOARD REPORT #11-19**

**2011-12 WHEG - WTCS PROGRAM FORMULA**

**PROPOSED 2011-2012 FORMULA  
WISCONSIN HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT  
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

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**Recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President Dan Clancy:**

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**$(\text{Student Budget} - \text{Expected Family Contribution}) \times \text{Student Award Percentage} = \text{Award}$**

Maximum Award: \$1,205      Minimum Award: \$529

(See attached letter.)

Other Information

**2011-2012 Appropriation: \$18,797,900 (?)**

**2010-2011 Appropriation: \$18,797,900**

2009-2010 Appropriation: \$18,162,200

2008-2009 Appropriation: \$17,548,000

2007-2008 Appropriation: \$17,130,200

**Current Formula:**

**$(\$9,270 - \text{EFC}) \times 13\% = \text{Award}$**

**$(\text{Student Budget} - \text{Expected Family Contribution}) \times \text{Student Award Percentage} = \text{Award}$**

Maximum Award: \$1,205      Minimum Award: \$529

**Current Year Spending:** All of the 2010-2011 funds will be spent. Awards were suspended May 6, 2010. No new awards have been processed since that time.

**Applicants:** As of February 15, 2011 there were 98,597 applicants compared to 88,654 at this time last year.



February 22, 2011

Sherri Nelson  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Higher Educational Aids Board  
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Dear Interim Executive Secretary Nelson:

I am submitting to you the Wisconsin Technical College System's (WTCS) recommendation for the 2011-2012 WHEG formula. The formula was developed with the input of technical college financial aid administrators.

2011-2012 WTCS WHEG FORMULA

Single Formula—Independent/Dependent Students

Student Budget	\$9,270
Award Percentage	13%
Maximum Award	\$1,205
Minimum Award	\$529
EFC Range	\$0-\$5,200

Should funding levels change, I would request the opportunity to modify this recommendation.

For 2011-2012, we recommend the same student budget used for the WHEG formula. We recommend the same level of the maximum (\$1205) and minimum (\$529) awards for the neediest students. This is necessary to address the high unmet financial need of technical college students, which continues to be higher than for students in other Wisconsin higher education sectors. Without additional FY2012 WTCS WHEG funds, we anticipate HEAB placing W/Z Codes on our students in March or April 2011, which is the earliest date in WTCS history. At the present level or small increase of WHEG funds, we still anticipate that up to 50% of eligible WTCS students would not receive WHEG funds in FY2012.

I would also like to make you aware of the WTCS WHEG goals that were developed with the technical college financial aid directors. These goals reflect a level of support for the WTCS WHEG program that would allow us to reasonably meet the needs of technical college students.

- Serve the same or a greater number of technical college students
- Continue to serve technical college students with a high financial need
- Increase the maximum award amount to at least \$1,850 in order to meet at least 20% of a student's calculated financial need



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- Have the ability to make awards in the second semester for January starters, in recognition of the non-traditional enrollment patterns of many technical college students
- Tie the WTCS WHEG allocation to WTCS tuition levels over the past three years, in the same way that statute links the University of Wisconsin's WHEG allocation to tuition
- Fully expend the WTCS' WHEG allocation each year
- Maintain student eligibility requirements at six credits and Wisconsin residency, the same as for University of Wisconsin students
- Keep one WHEG formula that applies to both dependent and independent students
- Continue to use the federal methodology to calculate student financial need

While many of these goals are not achievable under the current WHEG appropriation level, they set the direction in which we must work to offer adequate financial aid support to our technical college students. I appreciate the Higher Education Aid's Board's efforts to increase the appropriation for the WTCS WHEG, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future to secure a better level of support for our students.

Thank you for your staff's assistance in providing vital information for developing our recommendation. We are pleased to offer this recommendation for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Daniel Clancy  
President