

Sparta Area School District

Article 406 – Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship

The Sparta Area School District may nominate up to two graduating seniors with the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects for the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship (TES).

The scholarships are only for use at a Wisconsin Technical College within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) located within the state. The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the other half is matched by the high education institution.

Eligible students will be ranked according to a point system reflective of course work and technical education experience. Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses are defined as courses that prepare students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills. CTE courses are offered through Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Marketing, and Technology Education Departments.

Points will be awarded as follows:

1. One point is given to a student for each credit earned in a high school CTE course, as defined above.
2. One point is given to a student for each year of activity in a recognized Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin (DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and SkillsUSA). For activity in multiple CTOS, one point is to be given for each year of participation in each of the six CTOS.

The District will determine the points awarded.

For the purpose of assigning a rank among eligible candidates, credit hours in process at the time of nomination should be counted toward the number of credits the student has earned.

When students emerge from the point system with tied scores, CTE grades become the tie-breaker.

Because some students may have the same credit-hours at the time of nomination, the District's TES selection system will then assigns rankings to "tied" students based on the grade point earned by eligible students in CTE courses (as defined above). The grades used for this purpose are only those grades earned in CTE courses, not a student's overall grade point.

If students are still tied after calculation of the CTE grade point, the highest cumulative grade point average of all courses will become the tie-breaker.

The Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board requires that a copy of the "Request for Consideration" form for TES be filled out and submitted by the student to the school as part of the nomination.

No student may receive both a Technical Excellence Scholarship and an Academic Excellence Scholarship.

Legal Reference: 2013 Wisconsin Act 60

Cross Reference:

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