

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

(Effective with the Class of 2022)

The senior with the highest grade point average (GPA) based on seven semesters of the student's high school experience shall be selected as Rib Lake High School's nominee to receive the Wisconsin Academic Excellence High Education Scholarship. Ties will be broken and alternates will be designated as further provided by law and in these procedures. A student who receives the Academic Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship, and vice versa.

Scholarship recipients and alternates shall be selected annually based on the students' GPA as it is normally determined by the High School and as shown, to the same number of decimal places, on the student's official transcript as of the last day of the fall semester prior to the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

The following are additional minimum eligibility requirements that the District has established for the Academic Excellence Scholarship:

1. A student has senior status for purposes of competing for the scholarship if (1) the student is in his/her fourth year of high school or an equivalent-level program; and (2) by no later than the end of the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded, the student must have completed or be expected to complete all of the District's high school graduation requirements. A student cannot compete for the scholarship in more than one school year.
2. The student must be enrolled in the District's high school as a full-time student.
3. The student must have been enrolled full-time in the District's high school for at least 4 complete semesters prior to the start of the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
4. While enrolled in the District's high school, the student must have earned a minimum of 21 graded credits that are included in the student's calculated grade point average.
5. All graded coursework will be calculated using unweighted grade point averages

If a senior selected for the scholarship declines the scholarship or is determined to be ineligible for the scholarship for any lawful reason, the District's scholarship recipient shall be selected from the list of alternate designees with the next highest GPAs, in rank order. Per state law, no alternate may have less than a 3.800 GPA, or its equivalent.

Starting with the graduating class of 2022: In the case of a tie for the senior with the highest grade point average (GPA) and/or in the case of a tie in determining the rank order of alternate designees, the Principal, in consultation with other licensed high school staff as needed, shall determine the scholarship nominee and certify, in rank order, the District's alternates. The following procedure will be implemented to break ties:

1. First tiebreaker: The students' highest available American College Test (ACT test) composite score, if an ACT score is available for all of the students who are tied. The score must be received by the District by January 31st of their graduating year.
2. If a tie remains, the student who has taken the greatest total number of dual credit courses or advanced placement courses.
3. Third tiebreaker: If a tie remains, the student with the highest GPA in the core academic subject areas of mathematics, science, English/composition, and social studies, using the highest grades the student has earned in each such subject for up to the minimum number of credits in each such subject that is required for high school graduation. For example, if the student has earned four credits in social studies courses, but only three social studies credits are required for high school graduation, the student's lowest grade within that subject area will not be used in the tie-breaking calculation.
4. Fourth tiebreaker: If a tie remains, the student with the highest number of credits in the core academic subject areas of mathematics, science, English/Language Arts, and social studies
5. Fifth tiebreaker: If a tie remains, the student with the most high school credits earned by the end of the semester prior to the semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
6. Sixth tiebreaker: A chance drawing between the students tied with the high grade point average. The name drawn will be the Academic Excellence Scholarship winner. Both students will be co-valedictorian.

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