MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Board shall designate the senior with the highest grade point average (GPA) as the district's academic excellence scholar. This designation must be made by February 15 of each school year to the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) which is responsible for the administration of the scholarship program.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must meet the Board's definition of a senior and have completed at least three consecutive semesters of full-time enrollment at the high school prior to the awarding of the scholarship.

In identifying the scholar, the GPA calculation shall be made in accordance with Board policy and shall be computed to the third decimal point. The calculation shall take place after completion of the seventh semester of high school. If two or more students have the identical GPA, the Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for breaking the tie in accordance with established procedures. Starting with the graduating class of 2011, in conjunction with the Laude Recognition process, the GPA calculation will be determined by multiplying cumulative student GPA at the end of the 1st semester of the senior year by the total number of advanced courses taken throughout four years of high school.

No monetary awards shall be made under this program to any designated scholar who does not meet the program's residency requirements. A designated scholar is considered qualified for the scholarship if he/she is admitted to and enrolls, on a full-time basis, by September 30 of the academic year immediately following the school year in which the student was designated a scholar, in a participating university, center, technical college or institution.

Legal References: Section 39.41 Wisconsin Statutes
HEA 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross References: Administrative Rule 461, Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Tie-Breaking Procedures
345.1, Grading Systems
345.11, Class Rank
345.4, Student Promotion and Retention
Board Exhibit 464 - Laude Recognition Process

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