
**STUDENT APPLICATION TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP**

DIRECTIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS STARTING IN THE 2014/15
SCHOOL YEAR:

1. **Complete this application form as accurately as possible.**
2. **Attach the following additional materials:**
 - High School Transcript
3. **Return the completed form and any attachments to *the Altoona High School, School Counseling Office* by no later than _____ (date).**

STUDENT'S NAME (PRINT): _____

A. STUDENT'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN A TECHNICAL FIELD, OCCUPATION, OR INDUSTRY

Describe your interest in a potential future career in any technical field, occupation, or industry that would be advanced by your participation in a post-high school education program at a Wisconsin Technical College. Be sure to identify what you have done through school, employment, or other learning or career-planning activities to demonstrate your interest. (You may attach additional sheets if needed.)

B. STATE-MANDATED MINIMUM PARTICIPATION CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Place a check in the box next to each item in the list in this section that applies to you (i.e., check all that apply). If you are unsure whether you meet one or more of the items, contact your guidance counselor. The state agency that administers these scholarships requires each potential scholarship recipient to meet, at a minimum, at least one of the items in this list.

During high school, I have pursued structured learning in one or more [Career Pathways](#), as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, by doing either of the following:

- Taking courses that qualify me as a “**Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrator**” (A minimum of 3 qualifying CTE courses within an identified Career Pathway are required; either all 3 courses must already be complete or the student must have completed 2 of the courses and currently be enrolled in a 3rd course.); or

If you have checked a box for this item, which Cluster and Career Pathway(s) have you pursued? List three (3) or more of the CTE courses you have taken at Altoona High School:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

I have participated in Wisconsin’s Youth Apprenticeship Program.

I have participated in, and have completed or am on track to complete, a technical education program leading to a Technical Education High School Diploma that is offered through my high school.

I have participated in a Career and Technical Training pathway as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) (http://cte.dpi.wi.gov/cte_clustersandpaths)

(If you have taken a Youth Options course or are currently enrolled, you are probably participating in a Career and Technical Training pathway. Attach a list.)

I have received (or am on track to receive) a certificate for my participation in a state-certified Skills Standards Program.

I have completed (or I am on track to complete prior to my graduation from high school) an industry-recognized certification program (for example: Certified Nursing Assistant CNA) approved by the State Superintendent in connection with CTE incentive grants.

If you have checked the box for this item, identify the certification program:

During high school, I have participated in one or more of the career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (e.g., DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, or SkillsUSA).

I have completed a technical training program for high school students that was provided by a UW-System school, a Wisconsin Technical College, a tribal college in Wisconsin, or a private non-profit college/university located in Wisconsin. (These programs are subject to review, verification, and approval by the High School Principal or his/her designee. Programs held at a Wisconsin college or university campus, but offered by a person, school, or organization other than a qualifying Wisconsin educational institution are not eligible.)

(Examples include but are not limited to: Medical College of Wisconsin Summer Enrichment Program, UW-Madison's Summer Science Institute at WIScience, Marquette University's K-12 Engineering Academies, MSOE summer programs for K-12 students)

If you have checked the box for this item, identify the program, the educational institution that provided the program, and the dates of your participation. Additional information:

C. PARTICIPATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CTSOs)

In the chart below, place a checkmark in the box (es) for each high school grade in which you actively participated in any of the CTSOs. (Active participation means being an active member for "substantially the entire school year"):

Career and Technical Student Organization	Grades			
	9	10	11	12
DECA				
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)				
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)				
Future Farmers of America (FFA)				
Future Health Professionals (HOSA)				
SkillsUSA				

D. STUDENT'S DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE:

By signing this scholarship application, I am asking to be evaluated as a candidate for the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship. The information I have provided in connection with this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that (1) the information I have provided about my candidacy remains subject to the school's review and approval; (2) a student who receives a Technical Excellence Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, and vice versa; and (3) the high school's designation of a student as a scholar or alternate is not a final determination that the student has met, or will meet, all applicable requirements for the receipt of the scholarship funds.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED: 01/05/15