

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Marathon City School District shall annually designate an academic scholar, for purposes of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. The scholar shall be the senior with the highest grade point average (GPA). The scholar shall be named in accordance with timelines required by law. The GPA shall be determined in accordance with established Board policy.

Students must be enrolled at Marathon High School at the beginning of their junior year and remain enrolled at Marathon High School for the next four semesters in order to be eligible for the scholarship. A student is eligible to compete for the scholarship when he/she has completed seven semesters of high school. A student is considered a senior when he/she has completed six semesters of high school and has earned a minimum of 17 high school credits.

If two or more seniors have the same grade point average and are otherwise eligible to be designated the scholar, high school faculty members shall select the scholarship designee and certify, in descending rank order, those remaining seniors with the same grade point average as alternate designees. If a tie exists for the designation of academic scholar, the high school faculty shall use the following criteria, in noted order, to break the tie to name the scholar and prioritize the remaining students as alternates:

1. The student choosing to attend a participating university, college or Technical College shall be the district's designee. If a tie continues ...
2. The student with the highest American College Test (ACT) score as of the beginning of the eighth semester shall be the district's designee. If a tie continues ...
3. The student with the highest total number credits earned through seven semesters shall be the district's designee. If a tie continues ...
4. A coin flip shall determine the designee. The flip shall take place in the presence of the students involved and a parent/guardian representing each. It shall be conducted by the District Administrator and the student whose last name would come first in the alphabet will call the flip. If there are more than two students still competing, the competition shall be done as a single elimination, round robin tournament with the student whose last name comes first alphabetically versus the student whose last name comes second alphabetically, etc., until only one student remains.

LEGAL REF.: Section 39.41 Wisconsin Statutes  
HEA 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 345.1, Grading Systems

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