

Chapter HEA 9

WISCONSIN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

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HEA 9.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to define the various aspects of the Wisconsin academic scholarship program authorized by s. 39.41, Stats., as to continuing student eligibility and the responsibilities of the educational institution.

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HEA 9.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) "Institution" means a public or private non-profit institution of higher education in Wisconsin which is accredited by a national or state accrediting agency, and which has signed a participation agreement with the board in accordance with s. 39.41 (5) (a), Stats.

(2) "Scholar" means a student determined to be eligible to receive a monetary award under this program.

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HEA 9.03 Continuing scholar eligibility. (1) To receive an academic scholarship for a second year, the scholar shall have accumulated at least 24 semester credits, or their quarterly equivalent as determined by the board, and have achieved a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 system.

(2) To receive an academic scholarship for a third year, the scholar shall have accumulated at least 48 semester credits, or their quarterly equivalent as determined by the board, and have achieved a 3.0 cumulative grade point average based upon a 4.0 system.

(3) To receive an academic scholarship for a fourth year, the scholar shall have accumulated 72 semester credits, or their quarterly equivalent as determined by the board, and have achieved a 3.0 cumulative grade point average based upon a 4.0 system.

(4) The board shall pay to the institution, on behalf of the scholar, the award only for the first or second semester, or first, second, or third quarter of attendance. Awards shall not be made for summer term or other special terms of attendance.

(5) The scholar shall be enrolled in consecutive regular semester or quarter academic terms to maintain continuing eligibility. Exceptions to consecutive term enrollment, such as for medical reasons or study abroad, shall be considered by the executive secretary on a case by case basis.

(6) Scholars shall be able to regain eligibility through consecutive term enrollment which could bring their credits earned up to the minimum required and/or their grade point average to the cumulative minimum of 3.0 or both. Should the scholar's cumulative grade point fall below the required 3.0, eligibility shall be regained within 12 months, if the scholar is to again receive the monetary award.

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(7) Eligibility for a scholarship ceases when the scholar receives a bachelor's degree.

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HEA 9.04 Institutional responsibilities. (1) The institution shall match the board provided scholarship award from its own funds each academic term for each scholar enrolled.

(2) The scholarship shall not replace other need based state grant assistance in the package of financial aid offered to the scholar by the institution.

(3) Board advanced funds for scholars who do not enroll are to be promptly returned to the board as soon as it becomes evident to the institution that the scholars will not enroll. The institutions shall also return funds to the board in cases where the scholar withdraws from the institution prior to the end of the institutionally determined refund period. In these instances the institution shall determine the amount to be returned to the board based upon the institution's refund policy.

(4) The institution shall provide the board with the cumulative grade point average and cumulative academic credits earned by each scholar enrolled for all or part of the academic year no later than the July 1st, following the end of the academic year. Until this information is certified to the board, the board shall not make any additional payments to the institution on behalf of the scholar.

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