Technical Excellence Scholarships (TES) are to be awarded by the State of Wisconsin to Wisconsin high school seniors who have the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The scholarships are only for use at a school within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) located within the state.

The value of the scholarship is up to $2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Eligibility for the scholarship does not exceed six semesters, or a total of three years. Semesters are defined as fall or spring semesters, not summer sessions or other shorter sessions. In order to receive the scholarship, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated as a scholar, at a participating Wisconsin Technical College in the state.

Students in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District who will be graduating in January 2016 or June 2016 seeking to be nominated for the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship must complete this application and submit to their designated school counselor by 3 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016. Applicants do not need to be accepted to a technical college by the scholarship deadline. Applicants should see their school counselor if they have questions. Additional information: http://www.heab.state.wi.us/technicalexcellence/hard_copy.html
STUDENT APPLICATION TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant’s Name (first, middle, last): __________________________________________

Graduation Month/Year: _______________________________________________________

College Applicant Plans to Attend: ______________________________________________

Intended Major/Program: _______________________________________________________

High School Attended Junior Year: ______________________________________________

Name of School Counselor: _____________________________________________________

Validation of Academic and Career Planning:
By signing below, the school counselor confirms he/she has met with the student regarding the intent to pursue an occupation in a technical field or industry as listed above.

Counselor Signature_________________________________________ Date____________________

Directions for the 2015-2016 scholarship selection process:
1. Complete this application form as accurately as possible.

2. Attach the following materials:
   a. Statement of Occupational Interest
   b. Resume
   c. Transcript (with all Career & Technical Education courses highlighted)
   d. Current Grade Report
      NOTE: The current grade report must have all Career & Technical Education courses highlighted and the grade report must contain the signature(s) of CTE teacher(s).

3. Return the completed form and attachments to your high school counselor no later than 3 p.m. on February 12, 2016.

Statement of Interest in Pursuing an Occupation in a Technical Field or Industry:
Attach a typewritten essay to this application describing 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.
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 school 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. The State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) nomination form will ask schools to list eligibility categories met by a student being nominated.

During high school, I have pursued structured learning in one or more Career Pathways as defined by the Department of Public Instruction, by doing the following:

- **#1.** Taking courses that qualify me as a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrator. The requirement to be identified as a CTE concentrator is defined as taking a minimum of three qualifying CTE course within an identified career pathway; either all three courses must already be complete or the student must have completed two of the courses and be enrolled in the third course.

- **#2.** I have participated in Wisconsin’s Youth Apprenticeship Program under the supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD.) See http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship/program_info.htm

- **#3.** I have participated in a Technical High School Diploma program as certified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) See http://dpi.wi.gov/cte/resources/technical-education

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

- **#5.** I have participated in a Skills Standards Program offered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) (Examples include: Employability Skills Certificate, Youth Leadership Certificate, etc.) See http://dpi.wi.gov/cte/skills-standards

- **#6.** I have completed (or I am on track to complete prior to my graduation from high school) an industry-recognized certification program as approved under Wis. Stats. 115.367 (2) and in connection with the Act 59 CTE Incentive Grant. (Examples include, but not limited to: Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS), Assistant Child Care Teacher (ACCT), Infant Toddler, ProStart, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), CPT Safety Module, CPT Manufacturing Processes & Production, National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), etc.) See https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/det/cteincentive/

- **#7.** During high school, I have participated in one or more of the Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO’s) recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DECA, FBLA, FFA, HOSA, FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA). Students will need to get their current adviser’s signature and fill out the CTSO participation chart. See http://dpi.wi.gov/hs/ctso
Participation in Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs):

Using the chart below, place a checkmark in the box(es) for each high school grade in which you actively participated in any of the listed CTSOs for:

- For at least ¾ of the full school term in grades 9, 10, and 11 and
- Beginning prior to November during grade 12 and active participation to date.

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Validation of Participation in Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs):

I attest the above-named applicant participated in DECA for ________ year(s) while I was advising the student organization.

DECA Adviser’s Signature__________________________  Date__________________________

I attest the above-named applicant participated in FBLA for ________ year(s) while I was advising the student organization.

FBLA Adviser’s Signature__________________________  Date__________________________

I attest the above-named applicant participated in FCCLA for ________ year(s) while I was advising the student organization.

FCCLA Adviser’s Signature__________________________  Date__________________________
I attest the above-named applicant participated in HOSA for ________ year(s) while I was advising the student organization.

HOSA Adviser’s Signature__________________________  Date____________________________

I attest the above-named applicant participated in SkillsUSA for ________ year(s) while I was advising the student organization.

SkillsUSA Adviser’s Signature__________________________  Date____________________________

☐ #8. 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.)

If you have checked the box above for item #8, identify the program, the educational institution that provided the program, and the dates of your participation below:

Student 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 Signature__________________________  Date____________________________