

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**  
**November 9, 2016**

**HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD**

**BOARD REPORT #17-12**

**2017-18 WISCONSIN GRANT - WTCS PROGRAM FORMULA**

**PROPOSED 2017-2018 FORMULA  
WISCONSIN GRANT  
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

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**Recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President Morna Foy:**

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**$(\text{Student Budget} - \text{Expected Family Contribution}) \times \text{Student Award Percentage} = \text{Award}$**

Maximum Award: \$1,084      Minimum Award: \$500

(See attached letter.)

Other Information

**2016-2017 Appropriation: \$18,797,900**

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2015-2016 Appropriation: \$18,797,900

2014-2015 Appropriation: \$18,797,900

2013-2014 Appropriation: \$20,797,900

2012-2013 Appropriation: \$18,797,900

**Current Formula:**

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**Current Year Spending:** All of the 2016-2017 funds will be spent. Awards were suspended July 19, 2016.



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November 1, 2016

John Reinemann, Executive Secretary  
Higher Educational Aids Board  
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Dear Executive Secretary Reinemann:

I am submitting to you the Wisconsin Technical College System's (WTCS) recommendation for the 2017-18 WTCS Wisconsin Grant awards. The recommendation was developed with the input of technical college financial aid administrators and technical assistance from Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) staff.

2017-18 WTCS Wisconsin Grant Award

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| Maximum Award | \$ 1,084 |
| Minimum Award | \$ 500   |

For 2017-18, we recommend the maximum (\$1,084) and minimum (\$500) awards for the neediest students. The recommended levels are necessary to address the significant unmet demand for WTCS Wisconsin Grants. Without additional funding for 2017- 18, we anticipate that HEAB will fully allocate WTCS Wisconsin grants as early as April 2017. If current funding is maintained, as many as 50% of 2017-18 applicants determined eligible for a WTCS Wisconsin Grant may not receive one due to a lack of funds.

The WTCS financial aid directors support several goals for the WTCS Wisconsin Grant intended to ensure that these grants meet the needs of technical college students:

- Serve the same or a greater number of technical college students each year;
- Continue to serve technical college students with high financial need;
- Increase the maximum award to meet at least 20% of a student's calculated financial need;
- Have funding available to make awards for January starters, in recognition of the non-traditional enrollment patterns of many technical college students;
- Fully expend the WTCS's Wisconsin Grant allocation each year;
- Maintain enrollment requirement of at least six credits and Wisconsin residency;
- Use one formula that applies to both dependent and independent students; and
- Continue using the federal methodology to calculate student financial need.

While some of these goals would require additional funding, they reflect steps required to address the financial needs of WTCS students. I appreciate HEAB's efforts to increase the WTCS Wisconsin Grant and look forward to continuing our strong working relationship on behalf of WTCS students.

Thank you for your assistance in providing vital information for developing the recommendation. We are pleased to offer this recommendation for consideration by the Board.

Sincerely,

Morna K. Foy, PhD  
President