

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Students in the School district shall be informed annually of any scholarships and awards. Literature concerning available scholarships and awards shall be included in the student handbook and / or posted in the school building and / or available through the guidance counselor.

Criteria for school district awards and scholarships shall be developed consistent with school district goals and objectives.

### **Academic Excellence Scholarship**

The student with the highest weighted grade point average at the end of the second trimester of their senior year will be determined to be the valedictorian. The student with the second highest weighted grade point average at the end of the second trimester of their senior year will be determined to be the salutatorian.

In the event of a tie between two or more students, the valedictorian will be determined by taking the following steps in the following order:

- The student with the highest GPA in all core classes (english, math, science, social studies) will be determined to be the highest ranked student.
- The student with the highest GPA in all Advanced Placement classes will be determined to be the highest ranked students.
- The student who completed the most Advanced Placement credits will be determined to be the highest ranked student.
- The student with the most total credits in core classes (English, math, science, social studies) will be determined to be the highest ranked student.
- The student with the most total credits taken at Stanley-Boyd High School will be determined to be the highest ranked student.
- The student with the highest composite ACT test score will be determined to be the highest ranked student.
- If there remains a tie after all tie-breaker steps have been taken, ranking will be determined by a random selection by a method determined by the principal.

To be eligible to be recognized as valedictorian / salutatorian, a student must complete at least six trimesters of coursework at Stanley-Boyd High School.

### **Technical Excellence Scholarship**

The Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES) is awarded to the high school senior(s) who have demonstrated the highest levels of proficiency in technical education subjects. TES scholars will be identified through a two-step process.

Step 1-Verify that each statutorily-eligible high school senior who wishes to be considered for the scholarship has met two additional minimum-eligibility criteria that have been established by The Higher Educational Aids Board. The two eligibility criteria that have been established are as follows:

A-Documenting, primarily through the high school's academic and career planning process, his/her consideration of a potential future career in a technical field, occupation,

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or industry that would be advanced through the pursuit of post-secondary technical education opportunities; and

B-Participating in at least one of the eight pre-identified eligibility activities that have a direct connection to technical education subjects (see attachment.)

Step 2- Apply a ranking system to the list of scholarship candidates who have met the minimum-eligibility criteria. The basic TES ranking process is based on a point system.

Qualified scholarship candidates are to be awarded one (1.0) point for:

- Each 1.0 high school credit that the student has earned in any CTE course; and
- Each year of active participation in any Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). CTSO is defined by DPI as one of the following organizations: DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, or SkillsUSA

The students with the most points will be the school's designated TES scholar(s) and alternate(s). If two or more students emerge from the point system with the same number of points, the initial tie-breaker in the TES system is each student's grade point average in CTE courses (i.e., not the student's overall high school grade point average).

The ranking process will finish at the end of **first trimester** each student's senior year. This will allow school staff time to process applications and send in scholarship winners before the March 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

The School District shall not discriminate in acceptance and administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aides, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations or persons on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

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