

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD  
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CASE

A case has come up regarding eligibility for the Academic Excellence Scholarship. The student is in a two year diploma program in Tool and Die.

The AES statute says the student must be making progress toward an **associate or a bachelor's degree**.

The rules do not address the issue.

An information sheet we give each recipient of the AES says:

Scholars must be either Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree candidates to become and remain eligible for the AES. Only scholars pursuing two year, three year, or four year degrees at participating institutions may receive the AES. Scholars in a **one year diploma** program, or a short course, are not eligible for the AES. Scholars may receive four years of AES assistance when attending bachelor degree granting institutions; three years when attending associate degree granting technical colleges; or four years for attendance at a combination of these institutions.

The **dilemma** is whether the intent of the statute is to require a specific degree (associate or bachelor's vs diploma) or simply to require the schooling necessary for the student to be a successfully employed State resident.

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## Tool and Die Making — Technical Diploma Technical and Industrial Division — Milwaukee and North Campuses

**Overview** — Tool and Die Making is a two-year technical diploma program that is directed at preparing you for employment in precision metalworking or a tool and die apprenticeship. The Tool and Die Making Department at MATC has both a technical diploma program and an apprenticeship program, serving students who are seeking employment and those who have begun an indentured apprenticeship. The technical diploma program is a four-semester, full-time day program. Apprentices meet the requirements of their indenture by attending school part time during the day. Specific details on apprentice course requirements can be obtained by contacting the apprenticeship counselor at 297-7002.

**Career Outlook** — There is an ongoing need for highly skilled metalworkers; tool and die makers, model makers, and mold makers are in high demand. MATC has an excellent placement record for its tool and die graduates. Program graduates typically go on to work in tool and die making, in model making, or as tool room machinists.

**Career Preparation** — Employers expect you as a program graduate to be able to:

- Use basic tool room machines to work metal to close tolerances
- Correctly and precisely measure their work
- Interpret engineering drawings
- Perform mathematical computations typical of tool room applications
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of computer numerical control programming used in tool and die making

**Preparation for Admission** — The following is required for admission to the program:

- Demonstration of proficiency in basic skills through a course placement assessment

Skills that will contribute to your success in the program include manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination, the ability to work independently, and pride in craftsmanship. A high school diploma or GED is recommended.

*For more information, call:*

Milwaukee Campus — 297-6370

North Campus — 238-2300

*Program curriculum requirements are current as of the printing of this catalog. Upon admission to the program, you will receive a copy of the most current curriculum requirements for graduation.*