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HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

BOARD REPORT #26-09

26-27 WI Grant Formula Technical Colleges

Request



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Tammie DeVooght-Blaney, Executive Secretary
Higher Educational Aids Board
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Dear Executive Secretary DeVooght-Blaney:

I am pleased to submit the Wisconsin Technical College System's (WTCS) recommendation for the 2026-27 Wisconsin Grant awards.

For 2026-27, WTCS recommends a maximum Wisconsin Grants award of \$1,752 for eligible WTCS students. Additionally, we propose a second-tier award of \$500 for students with an expected family contribution between \$6,693 and \$8,000, contingent upon the availability of additional funds. This approach ensures that all enrolled and eligible students receive meaningful financial support, helping to reduce student debt and accelerate credential completion. These recommended award levels remain unchanged from the previous academic year.

We appreciate the valuable information you and your staff provided to support the development of this recommendation. We are pleased to submit it for the Board's consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Merrifield".

Layla Merrifield
President

PROPOSED 2026-2027 FORMULA

WISCONSIN GRANT WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM November 12, 2025

Recommendation of the Wisconsin Technical College System President Layla Merrifield:

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(See attached letter)

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Other Information:

2026-2027	Appropriation	\$28,939,700
2025-2026	Appropriation	\$26,861,200

Current Formula – 25-26:

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Maximum Award: 1,752

Tier 2 if funds are available - EFC of \$6,693 to \$8,000, the award would be \$500.

Current Year Spending: All the 2025-2026 funds will be spent.