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DATE: May 27, 2025

TO: School Financial Aid Administrators, WEOP Counselors

FROM: Cassie Weisensel, HEAB

SUBJECT: **2025-26 TIP Grant Instructions and Allocations**

**Initial TIP Allocations**

The 2025-26 Initial TIP Grant allocations are listed at the end of this memo. The allocation figures are based on an estimate of the number of Continuing TIP recipients in 2025-26. Adjustments may be necessary as more concrete numbers become available.

Each school’s institutional allocation is determined by taking their three-year average percentage of Institutional Initial TIP Grant funds spent as compared to the total allocated to their sector. For 2025-26, spending levels from 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 were used. Because the allocation information is being distributed today, the 2024-25 spent numbers as of May 22nd were used for calculation purposes. The UW System, Technical College System, Tribal Colleges and Independent Colleges and Universities are all considered separately.

**Initial TIP Nominations**

* Maximum full-year awards are $1,800
* Maximum spring semester awards are $900
* **Minimum** **full-year award has been increased to $1000**.
* **Minimum spring semester award has been increased to $500**.

Your institutional allocation may only be used for first-time freshmen nominated by your school. Continuing TIP students and WEOP-nominated first-time freshmen are awarded from separate allocations which are not school-specific.

**All uncommitted allocation funds will be taken for reallocation after February 6th, 2026.**

**The Institutional Nomination Form**

The nomination form will be available on HEAB’s new GLASS site beginning in late June/early July.

All nominated students must meet a minimum of one criterion from Group A and one from Group B on the nomination form. It is important to identify ALL criteria each student meets.

The following are definitions for some terms on the nomination form:

* First-time freshman: a student who has been enrolled in a post-secondary institution, for less than two semesters at half or greater time, since attending high school. Students who don’t meet this criterion cannot receive an award.
* Non-traditional/Disadvantaged: defined by all of the criteria in Group A: Financial Need Criteria and Group B: Non-Traditional/Disadvantaged Criteria.
* The student's environmental or academic background is such that it deters the pursuit of educational plans:  
    
  The student's pursuit of educational goals has been deterred by an environmental background that is characterized by adverse social and economic conditions, inequality in educational opportunities, and lack of proper motivation regarding a post-secondary education.
* Full-Year Award: Awards will be divided evenly by semester.
* Semester Award: Valid for Spring semester only.

I will not approve nominations in excess of your allocation amount. **Please keep me informed of any cancellations or partial awards, so that your committed funds will accurately reflect the actual TIP amounts awarded and earned.** Nominations of less than $1,800 may be increased at any time during the year to help fully commit and spend your allocation.

Changing Awards

To change (increase, decrease, or cancel) an existing Institutional Initial TIP award, simply email me a listing of the student’s name and the new award amount. You do NOT have to submit a new nomination form to change an existing award.

Transfer Students

If an institutionally-nominated Initial TIP recipient transfers during their freshman year, their TIP award does not transfer with them — the second school would have to re-nominate the student. If necessary, I will increase the second school’s TIP allocation to accommodate the re-nomination.

WEOP Initial TIP Nominations

WEOP Initial TIP nominations are entered directly onto the GLASS system by the individual WEOP counselors. If you have a question regarding a WEOP Initial TIP nomination, please contact me and I will refer you to the nominating WEOP counselor.

**Continuing TIP**

**The Continuing TIP award amount is $1700 for 2025-26**, and the minimum is $250. Continuing TIP awards are calculated by formula on the grant system and reported on your Notification List.

**2025-26 Continuing TIP Award Formulas**

**University of Wisconsin Technical Tribal Independent Colleges**

**Wisconsin System College System Colleges and Universities**

BUDGET $21,407 $19,560 $15,871 TOTAL COST from WG formula

- SAI (insert actual SAI) $0 $0 $0 $0

- STATE AWARD WG award WG award WG award WG award

= Continuing TIP Award $1700 $1700 $1700 $1700

**Maximum Award $1,700 $1,700 $1,700 $1,700**

**Minimum Award $250 $250 $250 $250**

These figures are based on the average costs reported on the most recent WISSIS survey.

To receive a Continuing TIP award, the student must:

* Make satisfactory academic progress (per federal student financial aid criteria).
* Continue to show financial need (TIP is not an entitlement).
* Complete degree within 6 years.

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**State Statutes and Administrative Rules Relating to the TIP Grant**

**Wisconsin State Statute 39.435(2)**

**39.435(2)** The board shall award talent incentive grants to uniquely needy students enrolled at least half-time as first-time freshman at public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education located in this state and to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who received such grants as freshmen. No grant under this subsection may exceed $1,800 for any academic year. The board may award a grant under this subsection to the same student for up to 10 semesters or their equivalent, but may not award such a grant to the same student more than 6 years after the initial grant is awarded to that student**. A student need not maintain continuous enrollment at an institution of higher education to remain eligible for a grant under this subsection.** The board shall promulgate rules establishing eligibility criteria for grants under this subsection.

**Wisconsin Administrative Code - Chapter HEA 5**

**HEA 5.04** Talent Incentive Grant Eligibility. To be eligible for an initial grant award, a uniquely needy student shall be a Wisconsin resident, a first-time freshman and meet at least one criterion under sub. (1) and one criterion under sub. (2). The minimum award a freshman can receive will be $600 with the maximum being $1,800.

1. Financial need criteria.
2. A dependent student whose expected academic year parent contribution is $200 or less, or an independent student whose academic year contribution is $200 or less.
3. The family of a dependent student or the student, if independent, is receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or Wisconsin Works benefits.
4. The parents of dependent students or the student, if independent, are ineligible for unemployment compensation and have no current income from employment.
5. Non-traditional student status criteria.
6. The student is or will be enrolled in a special academic support program due to insufficient academic preparation.
7. The student is a first-generation post-secondary student, neither of whose parents graduated from a 4 year college or university.
8. The student is handicapped according to department of workforce development, division of vocational rehabilitation records or according to the Special Needs or Disabilities Office on Wisconsin college or university campuses which use the Americans with Disabilities Act definition under 42 USC 12102 (2).
9. The student is currently or was formerly incarcerated in a correctional institution.
10. The student's environmental or academic background is such that it deter the pursuit of educational plans.

**2025-26 Institutional Initial TIP Allocations**

**as of May 23, 2025**

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| **University of Wisconsin**  **System** | **2025-26**  **Allocation** |  | **Independent Colleges & Universities** | **2025-26**  **Allocation** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 UW Madison | $25,000 |  | 200 Alverno College | $16,000 |
| 105 UW Milwaukee | $32,000 |  | 202 Beloit College | $2,000 |
| 112 UW Green Bay | $35,000 |  | 204 Cardinal Stritch University | $0 |
| 114 UW Parkside | $22,000 |  | 206 Carroll University | $25,000 |
| 130 UW Eau Claire | $30,000 |  | 212 Edgewood College | $25,000 |
| 135 UW La Crosse | $15,000 |  | 216 Lakeland College | $13,000 |
| 140 UW Oshkosh | $35,000 |  | 218 Lawrence University | $7,000 |
| 145 UW Platteville | $20,000 |  | 222 Marian University | $10,000 |
| 150 UW River Falls | $14,000 |  | 224 Marquette University | $35,000 |
| 155 UW Stevens Point | $29,000 |  | 228 Milwaukee School of Engineering | $9,000 |
| 160 UW Stout | $17,000 |  | 230 Mount Mary | $6,000 |
| 165 UW Superior | $7,000 |  | 234 Northland College | $3,600 |
| 170 UW Whitewater | $9,000 |  | 236 Ripon College | $9,000 |
|  |  |  | 238 St. Norbert College | $4,000 |
|  |  |  | 240 Viterbo University | $13,000 |
|  |  |  | 244 Concordia University | $1,800 |
|  |  |  | 246 Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design | $15,000 |
| **Wisconsin Technical College System** | **2025-26**  **Allocation** |  | 248 Wisconsin Lutheran College | $0 |
| 253 Herzing University | $0 |
|  |  |  | 255 Maranatha Bible College | $3,600 |
| 300 Fox Valley | $14,000 |  |  |  |
| 302 Chippewa Valley | $30,000 |  |  |  |
| 303 Southwest Wisconsin | $15,000 |  | **Tribal Colleges** | **2025-26 Allocation** |
| 304 Moraine Park | $13,000 |  | 250 LCO Ojibwa Community College | $8,000 |
| 306 Northeast Wisconsin | $11,000 |  | 262 College of the Menominee Nation | $4,000 |
| 308 Gateway | $14,000 |  |  |  |
| 310 Western | $15,000 |  |  |  |
| 312 Madison College | $21,000 |  | Total Institutional | $751,800 |
| 316 Milwaukee Area | $40,200 |  |  |  |
| 322 Lakeshore | $25,000 |  |  |  |
| 326 Waukesha County | $8,000 |  | WEOP | $450,000 |
| 328 Northcentral | $5,000 |  |  |  |
| 330 Blackhawk | $8,000 |  |  |  |
| 331 Mid-State | $8,000 |  | Continuing TIP | $3,257,000 |
| 336 Nicolet Area | $4,600 |  |  |  |
| 340 Northwood | $20,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | TOTAL 2025-26 TIP FUNDS | $4,458,800 |
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 6, 2026:** Uncommitted funds taken for reallocation.