

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
GPR	142,878,500	173,757,100	21.6	173,743,100	0.0
PR-F	150,000	150,000	0.0	150,000	0.0
PR-S	1,666,500	1,762,900	5.8	1,762,900	0.0
PR-O	900	900	0.0	900	0.0
TOTAL	144,695,900	175,670,900	21.4	175,656,900	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
GPR	11.50	11.50	0.00	11.50	0.00
TOTAL	11.50	11.50	0.00	11.50	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The board is a part-time independent policymaking board composed of 11 members consisting of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and 10 members appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor appoints one member from the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System; one member from the Wisconsin Technical College System Board; one member who is a trustee of an independent college or university to represent such independent institutions; one student and one financial aid administrator each from within the University of Wisconsin System, Wisconsin Technical College System and independent institutions; and one citizen member to represent the general public.

The executive secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The executive secretary makes policy recommendations to the board; carries out policy directives from the Governor, Legislature and board; and is responsible for initiating and carrying out all administrative direction and responsibilities of the agency. All permanent agency staff members are in the classified service. The agency is composed of two areas: programs and policy (student support activities), and administration and fiscal services.

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The board administers the state programs of financial aid, including scholarship, grant and loan programs; the contract for dental education services; and the contracts associated with the Medical College of Wisconsin. The agency's activities are organized into two programs. Program 1 includes the following subprograms which provide financial support to individuals: Academic Excellence Scholarship, Dental Education Contract (Capitation) Program, Dual Enrollment Credential Grant, Impaired Student Grant, Dental Scholarship Program, Indian Student Assistance Grant, Medical College of Wisconsin (Capitation) Program, Minority Undergraduate Grant, Minority Teacher Loan, Nurse Educators Program, Nursing Student Loan, Primary Care and Psychiatrist Shortage Grant, Talent Incentive Program Grant, Teacher Loan Program, Teacher of the Visually Impaired Loan Program, Technical Excellence Scholarship, Veteran's Grant for Private Nonprofit Schools, and Wisconsin Grant programs. Program 2 includes the costs of administering the activities grouped under program one along with servicing contracts with the Medical College of Wisconsin.

MISSION

The mission of the board is to ensure that all students are provided equal access and diversity in obtaining a higher education and to make certain the funds for each program the board administers are distributed in a fair, equitable and timely manner.

PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Student Support Activities

Goal: Keep the best and the brightest in the State of Wisconsin.

Objective/Activity: Academic Excellence Scholarships are awarded to Wisconsin high school seniors who have the highest grade point average in each public and private high school throughout the State of Wisconsin. The number of scholarships each high school is eligible for is based on total student enrollment. In order to receive a scholarship, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated a scholar at a participating University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin technical college or independent institution in the state. The value of the scholarship is \$2,250 per year, to be applied toward tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the other half is funded by the institution.

Goal: Increase the number of minority teachers in the State of Wisconsin.

Objective/Activity: The Minority Teacher Loan Program provides loans to Wisconsin resident, minority, undergraduate juniors or seniors who are enrolled at least half-time in programs leading to teacher licensure at independent or University of Wisconsin institutions. Students must be enrolled in programs leading to teacher licensure in a discipline identified as a teacher shortage area for the State of Wisconsin by the U.S. Department of Education and have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher based on a 4.0 schedule. The maximum award per year is \$10,000 with an overall maximum of \$30,000. According to the statutes, a minority student is defined as a student who is Black American; American Indian or Alaskan native; Hispanic; of Asian or Pacific Island origin; or whose ancestry is two or more races. The student who participates in this program must agree to teach full-time, in an elementary or secondary school in a Wisconsin school district with a 40 percent or higher minority student population. For each year the student teaches in an elementary or secondary school, 25 percent of the loan is forgiven. If the student does not teach in an elementary or secondary school in Wisconsin, the loan must be repaid at an interest rate of 5 percent.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2023 AND 2024 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measures	Goal 2023	Actual 2023	Goal 2024	Actual 2024
1.	Percentage of recipients persuaded by scholarship to attend school in Wisconsin.	60%	62%	60%	65%
1.	Percentage of "scholarship recipient graduates" who plan to stay in Wisconsin after graduation.	60%	65%	60%	64%
1.	Percentage of recipients in repayment.	36%	16%	35%	18%
1.	Percentage of recipient awards forgiven or expected to be forgiven.	60%	15%	63%	16%

Note: Based on fiscal year.

2025, 2026 AND 2027 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measures	Goal 2025¹	Goal 2026	Goal 2027
1.	Percentage of recipients persuaded by scholarship to attend school in Wisconsin.	60%	60%	60%
1.	Percentage of "scholarship recipient graduates" who plan to stay in Wisconsin after graduation.	61%	62%	62%
1.	Percentage of recipients in repayment.	34%	35%	35%
1.	Percentage of recipient awards forgiven or expected to be forgiven.	66%	65%	65%

Note: Based on fiscal year.

¹Goals were revised for FY25.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Wisconsin Grants
2. Addressing Changes to Wisconsin Grant Eligibility for Technical College Students
3. Nurse Educators Program Expansion
4. Expand Rural Dentistry Scholarship Eligibility
5. Administrative Attachment to the Department of Administration
6. State Operations Adjustments
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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$133,428.7	\$142,878.5	\$142,870.2	\$142,863.2	\$173,757.1	\$173,743.1
State Operations	1,138.0	1,879.8	1,871.5	1,864.5	1,878.5	1,864.5
Local Assistance	227.4	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	132,063.2	140,498.7	140,498.7	140,498.7	171,378.6	171,378.6
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$0.0	\$150.0	\$150.0	\$150.0	\$150.0	\$150.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	0.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$1,334.6	\$1,667.4	\$1,667.4	\$1,667.4	\$1,763.8	\$1,763.8
Local Assistance	405.0	405.0	405.0	405.0	405.0	405.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	929.6	1,262.4	1,262.4	1,262.4	1,358.8	1,358.8
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$134,763.2	\$144,695.9	\$144,687.6	\$144,680.6	\$175,670.9	\$175,656.9
State Operations	1,138.0	1,879.8	1,871.5	1,864.5	1,878.5	1,864.5
Local Assistance	632.4	905.0	905.0	905.0	905.0	905.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	132,992.8	141,911.1	141,911.1	141,911.1	172,887.4	172,887.4

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
State Operations	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
TOTALS - ANNUAL	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
State Operations	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Student support activities	\$133,625.2	\$142,815.2	\$142,815.2	\$142,815.2	\$173,791.5	\$173,791.5
2. Administration	\$1,138.0	\$1,880.7	\$1,872.4	\$1,865.4	\$1,879.4	\$1,865.4
TOTALS	\$134,763.2	\$144,695.9	\$144,687.6	\$144,680.6	\$175,670.9	\$175,656.9

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
2. Administration	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
TOTALS	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50

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1. Wisconsin Grants

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	22,674,300	0.00	22,674,300	0.00
PR-S	0	0.00	0	0.00	96,400	0.00	96,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	22,770,700	0.00	22,770,700	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing funding for Wisconsin Grants for University of Wisconsin System (\$12,378,900 in each year); technical college system (\$4,594,400 in each year); tribal college (\$96,400 in each year); and private, nonprofit college (\$5,701,000 in each year) students.

2. Addressing Changes to Wisconsin Grant Eligibility for Technical College Students

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	6,205,600	0.00	6,205,600	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	6,205,600	0.00	6,205,600	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding for Wisconsin grants for the Wisconsin Technical College System to address the significant number of technical college students who are enrolled less than half time and are newly eligible for grants under 2023 Wisconsin Act 80.

3. Nurse Educators Program Expansion

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing funding for the Nurse Educators Program. The Governor also recommends expanding eligibility to include both full-time and part-time faculty. The Governor further recommends expanding the program to include the following professions: (a) allied health, (b) behavioral health, (c) dental health and (d) nursing.

4. Expand Rural Dentistry Scholarship Eligibility

The Governor recommends expanding eligibility for the rural dentistry scholarship program to include specialty dentists and dental general practice residents.

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5. Administrative Attachment to the Department of Administration

The Governor recommends attaching the board to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes to improve effectiveness and support for the board's mission. See Department of Administration, Item #58.

6. State Operations Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	39,500	0.00	39,500	0.00	46,500	0.00	39,500	0.00
TOTAL	39,500	0.00	39,500	0.00	46,500	0.00	39,500	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for certain state operations appropriations to reflect increased supplies and services costs related to the provision of current programmatic requirements.

7. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-47,800	0.00	-54,800	0.00	-47,800	0.00	-54,800	0.00
TOTAL	-47,800	0.00	-54,800	0.00	-47,800	0.00	-54,800	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the board's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$41,100 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$6,700 in FY26 and -\$13,700 in FY27).