

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**  
**November 2, 2018**

**HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD**

**BOARD REPORT #19-15**

**2019-20 WISCONSIN GRANT - UW PROGRAM FORMULA**



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John Reinemann, Executive Secretary *Via Electronic Mail*  
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Dear Executive Secretary Reinemann:

Thank you for the opportunity to forward the University of Wisconsin System's recommendation on the 2019-20 Wisconsin Grant formula. UW System Financial Aid Directors have submitted a recommendation for the 2019-20 funding formula for my approval.

My recommendation is that the 2019-20 formula be changed to increase the budget of \$6,900, to \$7,150, with the rationing factor increasing from 41% to 42%, and the maximum expected family contribution increasing from \$5,000 to \$5,500. The maximum award will increase from \$2,714 to \$3,000, with a minimum award remaining at \$779.

We continue the institutional allocation approach that was initially implemented during 2011-12. For 2019-20, we are proposing that grants continue to be provided to students at UW System institutions in proportion to the latest year (2017-18) of Pell Grants received for \$5,500 EFC and below at each UW institution.

The Wisconsin Grant formula continues to strike the difficult balance between funding as many eligible students as possible while still providing grants in meaningful amounts that will help low-income students access a UW education. We believe the current formula uses the scarce resources in the most effective manner.

I want to offer my appreciation to the HEAB staff for their hard work and support of the Wisconsin Grant Program. I look forward to hearing your final decision following the meeting of the Higher Educational Aids Board on November 2, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ray Cross'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray Cross, President

cc: Regents  
Chancellors  
Cabinet  
Financial Aid Officers  
Logan Kossel, Student Representative on HEAB Board

**PROPOSED 2019-2020 FORMULA  
WISCONSIN GRANT  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM**

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**Recommendation of the University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross:**

**(\$7,150– EFC) x 42% = Award**

(Student Budget – Expected Family Contribution) x Student Award Percentage = Award

**Maximum Award: \$3,000    Minimum Award: \$779**

Other Information:

**2019-2020 Appropriation: \$61,894,100**

2018-2019 Appropriation: \$61,894,100

2017-2018 Appropriation: \$60,487,500

2016-2017 Appropriation: \$58,345,400

2015-2016 Appropriation: \$58,345,400

2014-2015 Appropriation: \$58,345,400

**Current Formula - 1819:**

(\$6,900 – EFC) x 41% = Award

(Student Budget – Expected Family Contribution) x Student Award Percentage = Award

**Maximum Award: \$2,829    Minimum Award: \$779**

**Current Year Spending:** All of the 2018-2019 funds will be spent.