



# Wisconsin All State Scholars Program

*Honoring Wisconsin's Best and Brightest Graduating Seniors*

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Dear Adam Gewiss:

The co-sponsors of the Wisconsin All State Scholars Program are pleased to inform you that you have been named an All State Scholar for 2010. As an All State Scholar, you will receive the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. We want to recognize and applaud your high academic achievement during your years in high school. You have demonstrated that you are well prepared for the next step in your formal education and that you possess the skill, ability, and desire to be successful in your future career. Congratulations!

The scholarship may be renewable for three years after the initial award on the condition that adequate funding is provided by the federal government. These funds are provided by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. Many program rescissions and revisions are occurring at the federal level. We maintain close contact with Washington on this important issue. Please feel free to contact Bev Kniess at the Department of Public Instruction (608/266-3706) or the office of your congressional representative or United States senator regarding future status of the funding.

The public announcement of the 2010 Scholars and Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships will be made by the *Wisconsin State Journal* in a special section of the newspaper on Sunday, May 2, 2010. The Department of Public Instruction will send news releases to daily and weekly newspapers in the state.

In addition, you and your guests are invited to attend an awards banquet at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., with lunch at 2:00 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony, and concluding at 4:30 p.m. You may invite three guests. One should be a representative of your school, and the other two should be people who have played significant roles in your life. They could be your parents, guardians, other relatives, a teacher, principal, or friend.

At this time we must collect some additional information. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/WI-Scholars> by April 6, 2010 to complete a brief form. You will be asked to:

- 1.) "Accept" or "decline" this award.
- 2.) Review and comply with the eligibility requirements.
- 3.) RSVP for the banquet on May 2, 2010, and submit the names of your guests.
- 4.) Email a senior photograph to [scholars@madison.com](mailto:scholars@madison.com) for the newspaper supplement. Please name the file as follows: LastNameFirstInitial\_SchoolDistrict. For example, John Smith from Madison would name his photo SmithJ\_Madison.

We are looking forward to sharing your special day of recognition with you. The judges and the co-sponsoring agencies offer their heartiest congratulations to you for earning this great tribute and honor.

Yours very truly,

**Tony Evers, PhD**  
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Wisconsin Department  
of Public Instruction

**Mary Bell**  
President  
Wisconsin Education  
Association Council

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