WHEREAS; regardless of age, background, income, or ZIP code, every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to access a high-quality and affordable education, from early childhood to the state's public, private, and technical college and university systems; and

WHEREAS; as the cost of higher education continues to rise, students and their families are faced with the ever-increasing burden of paying for their education and career training; and

WHEREAS; scholarships play a critical role in helping students pursue and complete their higher education goals by reducing financial barriers, minimizing student loan debt, and expanding opportunities for academic and career success; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to a wide range of scholarship opportunities made possible through local schools, employers, community organizations, foundations, and faith-based institutions that invest in the success of students across the state; and

WHEREAS; students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and apply for scholarships early, as some awards determine eligibility simply by submitting a FAFSA®; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) provides students, parents, and educators with resources and information about college affordability, including the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program, as well as tools to help families plan, save, and borrow responsibly; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) supports students through the administration of state and federal financial aid programs, tuition reciprocity agreements, and scholarship opportunities designed to make higher education more accessible and affordable; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DFI and HEAB in recognizing National Scholarship Month, highlighting the importance of scholarships in expanding access to higher education and reducing student loan debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2025, as

## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

	have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 31st day of October
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State