

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0254

Hathaway scholarship award petition.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Freeman, Piiparinen and
Sweeney and Senator(s) Coe and Kost

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; allowing
2 students to petition to increase a scholarship award as
3 specified; providing applicability; requiring rulemaking; and
4 providing for effective dates.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1304 by creating a new subsection
9 (j), 21-16-1305 by creating a new subsection (f) and
10 21-16-1308(a)(iv) and by creating a new paragraph (vi) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
14 **honor scholarships.**

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1 (j) A student receiving a Hathaway performance
2 scholarship who maintains a cumulative grade point average of
3 at least 3.75 for any two (2) consecutive semesters at an
4 eligible institution may apply to the department for receipt
5 of the Hathaway honor scholarship for the remainder of
6 scholarship eligibility provided under W.S. 21-16-1303(d). A
7 student receiving a Hathaway opportunity scholarship who
8 maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75
9 for any two (2) consecutive semesters at an eligible
10 institution may apply to the department for receipt of the
11 Hathaway performance scholarship for the remainder of
12 scholarship eligibility provided under W.S. 21-16-1303(d). A
13 student who successfully petitions for a scholarship of
14 greater value may not petition for successive scholarships of
15 greater value. Eligibility shall be evaluated at the end of
16 the spring academic term. The department may delegate to any
17 eligible institution the department's authority to grant a
18 request in accordance with this subsection, but the delegate
19 shall only grant a petition in accordance with department
20 rules and regulations establishing procedures and criteria
21 for granting a request for an increase of the Hathaway
22 scholarship under this subsection.

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1 **21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity**
2 **scholarships.**

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4 (f) A student receiving a Hathaway provisional
5 opportunity scholarship who maintains a cumulative grade
6 point average of at least 3.75 for any two (2) consecutive
7 semesters at an eligible institution may apply to the
8 department for receipt of the Hathaway performance
9 scholarship for the remainder of scholarship eligibility
10 provided under W.S. 21-16-1303(d). A student who successfully
11 petitions for a scholarship of greater value may not petition
12 for successive scholarships of greater value. Eligibility
13 under this subsection shall be evaluated at the end of the
14 spring academic term. The department may delegate to any
15 eligible institution the department's authority to grant a
16 request in accordance with this subsection, but the delegate
17 shall only grant a petition in accordance with department
18 rules and regulations establishing procedures and criteria
19 for granting a request for an increase of the Hathaway
20 scholarship under this subsection.

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22 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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1 (a) This article shall be administered by the
2 department in accordance with the following:

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4 (iv) Each eligible institution receiving an
5 application from a student applying for a Hathaway
6 scholarship shall preliminarily determine the student's
7 eligibility for the scholarship. For students initially
8 applying for a scholarship, unless the student's complete
9 academic record is available, the GPA used to preliminarily
10 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
11 official high school transcript after either the end of the
12 first semester of a student's senior year or the second
13 semester of a student's junior year, at the sole discretion
14 of the eligible institution. For students graduating prior
15 to their senior year the GPA used to preliminarily determine
16 eligibility shall be based upon the student's official high
17 school transcript as of the end of the semester immediately
18 prior to the last semester before the student's graduation.
19 High school GPAs for final eligibility determinations for
20 students initially applying for a scholarship under this
21 article shall be based upon the student's complete high school
22 academic record. Upon final determination of scholarship
23 eligibility, including any increase in scholarship level

1 granted under W.S. 21-16-1304(j) or 21-16-1305(f), each
2 community college shall certify to the community college
3 commission not later than thirty (30) days after the semester
4 commences, a list of students enrolled at the institution who
5 qualify for a scholarship under this article, including the
6 amount of each scholarship. The university shall certify to
7 the department within forty-five (45) days after the semester
8 commences a like list for students enrolled at the university.
9 The director of the community college commission shall verify
10 within ten (10) days after receiving all lists from community
11 colleges whether there is any duplication of students on the
12 community college lists, shall provide the lists to the
13 department and shall certify to the department the amount
14 each college is to receive under this article. Students
15 attending more than one (1) eligible institution shall enter
16 into a consortium agreement with the multiple institutions
17 whereby the student shall designate a home institution to be
18 paid the entire Hathaway scholarship amount for which the
19 student qualifies;

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21 (vi) Upon the request of a student, the department
22 shall determine the student's eligibility to receive an
23 increase of the Hathaway scholarship based on academic

1 performance in accordance with W.S. 21-16-1304(j) or
2 21-16-1305(f). The department shall promulgate rules and
3 regulations establishing procedures and criteria for granting
4 a request under this paragraph.

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6 **Section 2.** This act shall apply prospectively. The
7 academic records of Hathaway scholarship recipients prior to
8 the effective date of this act shall not be considered in
9 determining eligibility to receive an increase of the
10 Hathaway scholarship based on academic performance in
11 accordance with W.S. 21-16-1304(j) or 21-16-1305(f), as
12 created by section 1 of this act. All Hathaway scholarship
13 recipients as of the effective date of this act shall be
14 eligible to earn an increase of the Hathaway scholarship based
15 on academic performance after the effective date of this act
16 in accordance with W.S. 21-16-1304(j) or 21-16-1305(f), as
17 amended by section 1 of this act, provided that the recipients
18 are otherwise eligible to receive the scholarship.

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20 **Section 3.** Rules and regulations of the Wyoming
21 department of education required under W.S. 21-16-1308, as
22 amended by section 1 of this act, shall be promulgated in

1 sufficient time to enable implementation of this act by July
2 1, 2019.

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4 **Section 4.**

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6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
7 section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of
8 all acts necessary for a bill to become a law as provided by
9 Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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11 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
12 sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective July 1, 2019.

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14 (END)