

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0036

Hathaway scholarship-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Erickson,  
Nicholas and Singh and Senator(s) Brennan,  
Crago and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program;  
2 clarifying that the definition of "certificate" includes  
3 trade certificate programs; requiring students to work or  
4 attend graduate school in Wyoming for a specified time in  
5 order to receive a Hathaway scholarship; requiring  
6 rulemaking; specifying applicability; and providing for  
7 effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(iv) and  
12 21-16-1303(b)(intro) and by creating a new paragraph (iv)  
13 are amended to read:

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15 **21-16-1301. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this article:

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4 (iv) "Certificate" means a credential other than  
5 a degree as defined in paragraph (vi) of this subsection. A  
6 "certificate" is ~~either~~ an associate of applied science  
7 degree, ~~or indicates~~ satisfactory completion of training in  
8 an academic year program of study offered by a Wyoming  
9 community college or satisfactory completion of a program  
10 of study offered by a Wyoming community college that  
11 results in a license, permit, certificate or other  
12 government or industry recognized qualification for working  
13 in a trade or occupation in this state, including, but not  
14 limited to, drivers of commercial motor vehicles, welders,  
15 machine shop operators or other workforce training  
16 programs;

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18 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**  
19 **requirements.**

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21 (b) Under the Hathaway scholarship program, subject  
22 to availability of funds as determined by the legislature,  
23 the state shall provide a scholarship pursuant to W.S.

1 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 to any student who has been  
2 accepted by and enrolls in an eligible institution to  
3 pursue a degree or certificate, and who meets the following  
4 qualifications and requirements:

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6 (iv) The student enters into an agreement with  
7 the department under which the student agrees to actively  
8 engage in work in Wyoming for one (1) year or attend  
9 graduate school at the University of Wyoming for one (1)  
10 year, for every four (4) academic semesters or portions  
11 thereof in which a Hathaway scholarship was received. The  
12 department shall establish by rule the commencement of the  
13 period for undertaking the requirements of this paragraph,  
14 which shall begin not later than one (1) year after the  
15 completion of the last semester in which a Hathaway  
16 scholarship was received.

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18 **Section 2.** The agreement required under W.S.  
19 21-16-1303(b)(iv) as created by section 1 of this act shall  
20 apply to any scholarship first awarded under the Hathaway  
21 scholarship program on or after July 1, 2025.

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