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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Hathaway lump sum merit scholarship.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program;
2 amending award timing for the Hathaway scholarship program;
3 amending eligibility requirements as specified; amending
4 the calculation of unmet financial need; amending the
5 calculation of scholarship amounts; deleting obsolete
6 language; specifying applicability; repealing provisions;
7 and providing for an effective date.

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

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13 STAFF COMMENT

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1 Note: 26LSO-0096, Use of Hathaway scholarships at private
2 institutions amends the same section of statutes contained
3 below. The Committee may want to consider the implications
4 and necessary conforming amendments if this bill and 26LSO-
5 0096 become law.

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10 Section 1. W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(i), (ii) and by
11 creating new paragraphs (xxi) and (xxii),
12 21-16-1303(b)(iii)(B) and (d), 21-16-1304(a)(i)(intro),
13 (ii)(intro), (iii)(intro) and (h)(intro),
14 21-16-1305(a)(i)(intro) and (e)(intro), 21-16-1306 by
15 creating a new subsection (c), 21-16-1307(b)(intro),
16 (d)(intro) and (e)(intro), 21-16-1308(b)(intro), (iii)(A)
17 and (iv)(A), 21-16-1309 by creating a new subsection (c),
18 21-16-1310, 21-16-1312(c) and 21-18-404 are amended to
19 read:

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

22
23 (a) As used in this article:

24
25 (i) "Academic term" means the fall semester or
26 term, ~~or the spring semester or term,~~ the summer semester
27 or term or other term offered by an eligible institution.

1 In this article, "term" and "semester" have the same
2 meaning; ~~except that recipients may elect to use the~~
3 ~~scholarship during summer school, which except as provided~~
4 ~~by W.S. 21-16-1304(h) and 21-16-1305(e), counts toward the~~
5 ~~maximum number of terms for which the student is eligible~~
6 ~~but does not count toward computation of an academic year;~~

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8 (ii) "Academic year" means two (2) consecutive
9 fall and spring semesters. ~~or terms and is the period of~~
10 ~~time a full-time student is expected to complete the~~
11 ~~equivalent of at least two (2) semesters of~~ Unless
12 otherwise excluded under this article, academic ~~work~~ year
13 may also include summer term or other terms;

14
15 (xii) "Remaining scholarship amount" means the
16 student's total scholarship amount less amounts previously
17 paid on behalf of the student from scholarships under W.S.
18 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305;

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20 (xiii) "Total scholarship amount" means the
21 dollar amount specified under W.S. 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305
22 for the scholarship the student is first awarded under W.S.
23 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305.

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2 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
3 **requirements.**

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5 (b) Under the Hathaway scholarship program, subject
6 to availability of funds as determined by the legislature,
7 the state shall provide a scholarship pursuant to W.S.
8 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 to any student who has been
9 accepted by and enrolls in an eligible institution to
10 pursue a degree or certificate, and who meets the following
11 qualifications:

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13 (iii) The student has:

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15 (B) Applied for a scholarship under this
16 article within ~~four (4)~~ twenty (20) years of the date of
17 high school graduation, or is otherwise eligible under
18 rules promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(iii) and
19 (iv). The department shall by rule ~~and regulation~~ establish
20 exceptions to the requirement of this subparagraph for
21 military service, religious service and other good cause
22 shown; and

23

1 (d) No student shall be eligible for a scholarship
2 under this article ~~for more than the equivalent of eight~~
3 ~~(8) full-time semesters. Except as provided by subsection~~
4 ~~(f) of this section, no student shall be eligible for a~~
5 ~~scholarship under this article for any semesters commencing~~
6 after ~~six (6)~~ twenty (20) academic years following the
7 student's initial eligibility. For purposes of this
8 subsection, a student's initial eligibility shall be deemed
9 to commence with the ~~first semester in which the state is~~
10 ~~obligated to reimburse an~~ date of the eligible ~~institution~~
11 ~~for the~~ student's ~~scholarship under this article~~ high
12 school graduation. The department shall by rule ~~and~~
13 ~~regulation~~ establish exceptions to this subsection for
14 military service, religious service and other good cause
15 shown.

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17 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
18 **honor scholarships.**

19

20 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
21 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a
22 degree or certificate as follows:

23

1 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of
2 2.50 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
3 national percentile rank of forty-three (43) on a college
4 entrance examination administered throughout the United
5 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education
6 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a
7 Hathaway opportunity scholarship ~~for:~~ in a total
8 scholarship amount of six thousand seven hundred twenty
9 dollars (\$6,720.00).

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11 (ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
12 of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
13 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college
14 entrance examination administered throughout the United
15 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education
16 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a
17 Hathaway performance scholarship ~~for:~~ in a total
18 scholarship amount of ten thousand eighty dollars
19 (\$10,080.00).

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21 (iii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
22 of 3.5 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
23 national percentile rank of seventy-nine (79) on an

1 examination administered throughout the United States and
2 relied upon by institutions of higher education to
3 determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway
4 honor scholarship ~~for:~~ in a total scholarship amount of
5 thirteen thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$13,440.00).

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7 (h) ~~Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a)(i)(B), (ii)(B)~~
8 ~~and (iii)(B) of this section,~~ The applicable scholarship
9 amount awarded to any eligible student under this section
10 may be available to that student, ~~upon election,~~ for
11 enrollment ~~in up to six (6) semester hours~~ during any
12 summer academic term or other academic term offered by an
13 eligible institution outside of the regular fall or spring
14 semester. ~~, subject to the following:~~

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16 **21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity**
17 **scholarships.**

18

19 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
20 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional
21 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree
22 as follows:

23

(i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance or a qualifying cumulative score on a career-technical aptitude test as determined by the department, a scholarship ~~for:~~ in a total scholarship amount of three thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$3,360.00).

STAFF COMMENT
This draft resurrects 22LSO-0163, Hathaway lump sum merit scholarship as instructed by the Committee. The amendments to the Opportunity and the Provisional Scholarships make the scholarships redundant with the exception of the necessary scores for eligibility. Both can be used at a community college or the University of Wyoming. Both award the same amount. The Committee may wish to consider repealing one of the scholarships and make a determination regarding minimum academic requirements for eligibility.

(e) ~~Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(i)(B) of this section,~~ The scholarship amount awarded to any eligible student under this section may be available to that

1 student, ~~upon election,~~ for enrollment ~~in up to six (6)~~
2 ~~semester hours~~ during any summer academic term or other
3 academic term offered by an eligible institution outside of
4 the regular fall or spring semester. ~~, subject to the~~
5 ~~following:~~

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7 **21-16-1306. Need based scholarships.**

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9 (c) Except as provided in this subsection, no student
10 shall be required by the eligible institution to elect to
11 use a greater portion of a scholarship awarded under W.S.
12 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305 in order to decrease the student's
13 unmet financial need. For scholarships awarded under W.S.
14 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 the calculation of unmet
15 financial need shall be in accordance with the following:

16
17 (i) For students receiving the Hathaway honors
18 scholarship, the scholarship amount used to calculate unmet
19 financial need shall be:

20
21 (A) One thousand six hundred eighty dollars
22 (\$1,680.00) per semester; or

1 (B) The amount provided under subparagraph
2 (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of
3 which is the number of hours for which the student is
4 enrolled per semester and the denominator is twelve (12),
5 if the student enrolled at an eligible institution for at
6 least six (6) and less than twelve (12) semester hours.

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8 (ii) For students receiving the Hathaway
9 performance scholarship, the scholarship amount used to
10 calculate unmet financial need shall be the lesser of:

11
12 (A) The scholarship amount actually used by
13 the student in the semester; or

14
15 (B) One thousand two hundred sixty dollars
16 (\$1,260.00) per semester.

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18 (iii) For students receiving the Hathaway
19 opportunity scholarship, the scholarship amount to
20 calculate unmet financial need shall be the lesser of:

21
22 (A) The scholarship amount actually used by
23 the student in the semester; or

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(B) Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)

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per semester.

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(iv) For students receiving the Hathaway

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provisional opportunity scholarship, the scholarship amount

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used to calculate unmet financial need shall be the lesser

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of:

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(A) The scholarship amount actually used by

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the student in the semester; or

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(B) Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)

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per semester.

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STAFF COMMENT

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This draft resurrects 22LSO-0163, Hathaway lump sum merit scholarship as instructed by the Committee. Pursuant to the draft, the Honor's Scholarship, a student is required to be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours to receive the Need Based Scholarship and the Need Based Scholarship is prorated bases on the number of courses a student takes. See page 9, lines 16-21. The Performance, Opportunity, and Provisional Scholarships do not contain the same requirements. This is a policy choice for the Committee and the Legislature. The purpose of this comment is to draw your attention to the two different policy choices contained in this draft.

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2 Secondly, if the Committee repeals the Opportunity or
3 Provisional Scholarship, conforming amendments will be
4 necessary to in subsection (c) of this section.

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9 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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11 (b) Except as otherwise provided for by law, the
12 success curriculum required to qualify for honor or
13 performance scholarship eligibility under this article ~~for~~
14 ~~students graduating from high school in the 2019-2020~~
15 ~~school year and each school year thereafter~~ shall be as
16 follows:

17
18 (d) The success curriculum required to qualify for
19 opportunity scholarship eligibility under this article ~~for~~
20 ~~students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011~~
21 ~~school year and each school year thereafter~~ shall be as
22 follows:

23
24 (e) The success curriculum required to qualify for
25 provisional opportunity scholarship eligibility under this
26 article ~~for students graduating from high school in the~~

1 ~~2010-2011 school year and each school year thereafter~~ shall
2 be the curriculum required for high school graduation under
3 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii) subject to the following:

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5 **21-16-1308. Administration and rules.**

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7 (b) The department shall, in consultation with
8 University of Wyoming and community college admissions
9 officers, the Wyoming community college commission and
10 financial aid officers and school districts, promulgate
11 rules ~~and regulations~~ necessary to implement this article,
12 including:

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14 (iii) Criteria and procedures under which
15 students in a home-based educational program can qualify
16 for scholarships under this article. A student in a
17 home-based educational program:

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19 (A) Shall make application for an initial
20 scholarship before his ~~twenty-first~~ forty-first birthday;

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22 (iv) Criteria and procedures under which
23 students who receive a high school equivalency certificate

1 can qualify for scholarships under this article. A student
2 receiving a high school equivalency certificate shall:

3
4 (A) Receive the certificate and make
5 application for the initial scholarship no later than ~~four~~
6 ~~(4)~~ twenty (20) years after and no sooner than the
7 graduation date of the student's high school class, unless
8 ordered by a court to complete the requirements for the
9 certificate prior to that graduation date or for other good
10 cause shown as determined by the department. For purposes
11 of making application prior to the graduation date of the
12 student's class, "other good cause" shall include, but is
13 not limited to, a showing by the student that the student
14 has been emancipated under W.S. 14-1-201 through 14-1-206
15 or that the student is a parent or a legal guardian of a
16 minor. The student shall have attended an eligible high
17 school prior to receiving his certificate and shall have
18 received his certificate while residing in Wyoming;

19
20 **21-16-1309. Scholarship amounts.**

21
22 (c) Any student receiving a scholarship under W.S.
23 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305 may elect to receive all or a

portion of his remaining scholarship amount in any semester in which the student is enrolled at an eligible institution. The election shall be submitted to the eligible institution at the time of enrollment for an academic term. The eligible institution shall calculate the student's remaining scholarship amount in accordance with W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xxi) and shall include the amount, as limited in this subsection, in its certification of students under W.S. 21-16-1308(a)(iv). The department shall review the amount certified for each student and include the amount it determines to be in compliance with this article in its certification to the state treasurer of balances due to each institution under W.S. 21-16-1308(a)(v). Crediting of a student's remaining scholarship amount under this subsection shall be limited so that the remaining scholarship amount to be credited does not exceed the cost of the student's tuition and mandatory fees for the semester.

21-16-1310. Legislative oversight and authority.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to constitute an entitlement to a scholarship established and funded by the

1 legislature. Wyoming Hathaway scholarships shall be subject
2 to legislative appropriation and the legislature reserves
3 the right to modify or terminate the program established
4 under this article at any time. Scholarships awarded under
5 this article shall not be transferred by the student
6 recipient or expended for any purpose except as provided in
7 this article.

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9 **21-16-1312. Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarship;**
10 **eligibility requirements and conditions; selection.**

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12 (c) A Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarship shall be
13 for the student's cost of attendance at an eligible
14 institution, but not to exceed the maximum dollar amount
15 provided to students receiving a trustee scholarship at the
16 University of Wyoming and subject to reduction in
17 accordance with W.S. 21-16-1309(a). No student shall be
18 eligible for a Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarship for more
19 than the equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters.

20 ~~Minimum continuing eligibility and reinstatement~~
21 ~~eligibility requirements for a Hathaway expand Wyoming~~
22 ~~scholarship shall be the same as requirements for a~~
23 ~~Hathaway honors scholarship. These minimum requirements~~

~~may be increased by rule of the department to requirements~~
~~no more stringent than those imposed by the University of~~
~~Wyoming for recipients of a trustee scholarship. Hathaway~~
~~expand Wyoming scholarships may be reduced in the same~~
~~manner and to lower levels as provided for Hathaway honor~~
~~scholarships for failure to meet continuing eligibility~~
~~requirements.~~ To remain eligible for the scholarship under
this section, the student shall:

(i) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25;

(ii) Enroll in at least twelve (12) semester
hours for each spring and fall semester for the duration of
the scholarship;

(iii) Successfully complete at least twenty-four
(24) semester hours each academic year.

STAFF COMMENT

The Legislature has not appropriated funds to award
scholarships under the Hathaway Expand Wyoming Scholarship.
It is a policy choice whether the Committee would like to
amend the statute as noted above or repeal the statute as
the program has not been operational since enacted by 2019
Wyo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 81.

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4 **21-18-404. Student grants; amounts.**

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6 There shall be made available student grants under the
7 Wyoming works program. The grant amount shall not exceed
8 ~~the amount provided for two (2) semesters under the~~
9 ~~Hathaway provisional opportunity scholarship pursuant to~~
10 ~~W.S. 21-16-1305(a)(i)(A),~~ one thousand six hundred eighty
11 dollars (\$1,680.00) in any one (1) academic year, unless
12 the credential program is in an economic sector determined
13 by the commission to fulfill a critical workforce need.
14 For credential programs in such economic sectors, the grant
15 amount shall not exceed ~~the amount provided for two (2)~~
16 ~~semesters under the Hathaway honor scholarship pursuant to~~
17 ~~W.S. 21-16-1304(a)(iii)(A)~~ three thousand three hundred
18 sixty dollars (\$3,360.00) in any one (1) academic year.
19 One-half (1/2) of the annual award shall be provided to the
20 student at each fall and spring academic term of
21 qualification, unless the credential program or course is
22 for a defined period of less than a full semester or the
23 student elects to reserve any portion of the annual award
24 for attendance at a subsequent summer school term. For

1 credential programs of one (1) term or less, cost of
2 attendance and unmet financial need shall be calculated on
3 a projected annual basis, but the annual award amount shall
4 be provided in full in the term of attendance, on a
5 prorated basis.

6
7 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xiv), 21-16-1303(e)(vi)
8 and (f), 21-16-1304(a)(i)(A) through (C), (ii)(A) through
9 (C), (iii)(A) through (C), (b) through (g) and (h)(i)
10 through (v), 21-16-1305(a)(i) (A) through (C), (ii) and
11 (iii), (b) through (d) and (e)(i) through (v) and
12 21-16-1308(b)(v) are repealed.

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15 **STAFF COMMENT**

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17 For informational purposes, the following provisions
18 in *italics* are repealed by section 2:

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20 * Note: The provisions cited below do not reflect the
21 amendments in section 1. Refer to section 1 for changes to
22 laws not repealed by section 2.

23
24 21-16-1301. Definitions.

25
26 (a) As used in this article:

27
28 (xiv) *"Satisfactory academic progress" means,*
29 *except as further specified in this paragraph, completing*
30 *at least six (6) semester hours per semester if enrolled*
31 *for less than twelve (12) semester hours and completing at*
32 *least twelve (12) semester hours per semester if enrolled*
33 *for twelve (12) or more semester hours, and meeting such*

1 other criteria as established by the eligible institution
2 to ensure the student earns his degree or certificate in a
3 timely manner. The student's hours of enrollment for
4 purposes of this paragraph shall be the same number of
5 hours of enrollment used to determine the state's
6 obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the
7 student's scholarship under this article. Satisfactory
8 academic progress shall be determined annually following
9 the spring semester, but a student's scholarship may be
10 reinstated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1304(f)(i) or 21-16-
11 1305(d)(i) following any semester or summer school session.
12 For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community
13 college that requires on-the-job training and less than six
14 (6) credit hours per semester to receive a certificate,
15 "satisfactory academic progress" means completing all
16 semester hours the student is enrolled in each semester,
17 meeting the hourly on-the-job training requirements and
18 meeting other criteria as established by the Wyoming
19 community college to ensure the student earns the
20 certificate in a timely manner;

21
22 21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility
23 requirements.

24
25 (e) A student is not eligible for a scholarship under
26 this article if he:

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28 (vi) Has been convicted of a felony in this
29 state or another jurisdiction and has not been granted an
30 exception by the department of education as provided for in
31 W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(v);

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33 (f) Students meeting the requirements of this
34 subsection shall not be subject to the six (6) academic
35 year limitation on scholarships under this article, the
36 satisfactory academic progress requirements of W.S. 21-16-
37 1304(c)(i) and 21-16-1305(b)(i) or the continuous
38 enrollment requirements of W.S. 21-16-1304(c)(ii) and 21-
39 16-1305(b)(ii), but shall be subject to the following:

40
41 (i) Have been initially eligible for and
42 received a Hathaway scholarship;

43
44 (ii) Have received an associate of applied
45 science degree from an eligible institution;

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2 (iii) Have engaged in a vocation related to the
3 associate of applied science degree after initially
4 receiving a Hathaway scholarship;
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6 (iv) Within the earlier of eight (8) years of
7 initial Hathaway scholarship eligibility or four (4) years
8 of last attending an eligible institution while receiving a
9 Hathaway scholarship, have enrolled at the University of
10 Wyoming or a Wyoming community college to complete a
11 baccalaureate of applied science degree and have applied
12 for reinstatement of the student's Hathaway scholarship;
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14 (v) Upon application for reinstatement of the
15 Hathaway scholarship, be subject to the maintenance grade
16 point average and other eligibility requirements under this
17 article;
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19 (vi) Upon reinstatement of eligibility, be
20 subject to the satisfactory academic progress requirements
21 of W.S. 21-16-1304(c)(i) and 21-16-1305(b)(i) and the
22 continuous enrollment requirements of W.S. 21-16-
23 1304(c)(ii) and 21-16-1305(b)(ii);
24

25 (vii) Not have received a Hathaway scholarship
26 for more than the equivalent of four (4) full-time
27 semesters; and
28

29 (viii) Not be eligible for a scholarship under
30 this article;
31

32 (A) For more than a total of the equivalent
33 of eight (8) full-time semesters; nor
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35 (B) For any semesters commencing after ten
36 (10) academic years following the student's initial
37 eligibility.
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39 21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and
40 honor scholarships.
41

42 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-
43 16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a
44 degree or certificate as follows:
45

1 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of
2 2.50 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
3 national percentile rank of forty-three (43) on a college
4 entrance examination administered throughout the United
5 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education
6 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a
7 Hathaway opportunity scholarship for:

8
9 (A) *Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)*
10 *per semester at an eligible institution if enrolled for*
11 *twelve (12) or more semester hours;*

12
13 (B) *The amount provided under subparagraph*
14 *(A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of*
15 *which is the number of hours for which the student is*
16 *enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12), if enrolled at*
17 *an eligible institution for at least six (6) and less than*
18 *twelve (12) semester hours;*

19
20 (C) *For students enrolled in a program at a*
21 *Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training*
22 *and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled*
23 *in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount*
24 *provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a*
25 *fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for*
26 *which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve*
27 *(12).*

28
29 (ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
30 of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
31 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college
32 entrance examination administered throughout the United
33 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education
34 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a
35 Hathaway performance scholarship for:

36
37 (A) *One thousand two hundred sixty dollars*
38 *(\$1,260.00) per semester at an eligible institution if*
39 *enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours;*

40
41 (B) *The amount provided under subparagraph*
42 *(A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of*
43 *which is the number of hours for which the student is*
44 *enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12), if enrolled at*

1 an eligible institution for at least six (6) and less than
2 twelve (12) semester hours;

3
4 (C) For students enrolled in a program at a
5 Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training
6 and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled
7 in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount
8 provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a
9 fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for
10 which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve
11 (12).

12
13 (iii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
14 of 3.5 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
15 national percentile rank of seventy-nine (79) on an
16 examination administered throughout the United States and
17 relied upon by institutions of higher education to
18 determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway
19 honor scholarship for:

20
21 (A) One thousand six hundred eighty dollars
22 (\$1,680.00) per semester at an eligible institution if
23 enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours;

24
25 (B) The amount provided under subparagraph
26 (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of
27 which is the number of hours for which the student is
28 enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12), if enrolled at
29 an eligible institution for at least six (6) and less than
30 twelve (12) semester hours;

31
32 (C) For students enrolled in a program at a
33 Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training
34 and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled
35 in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount
36 provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a
37 fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for
38 which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve
39 (12).

40
41 (b) Scholarships under this section shall be for a
42 maximum of the equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters.
43 A scholarship under this section shall be available for
44 attendance at a Wyoming community college for not more than

1 a maximum of the equivalent of four (4) full-time
2 semesters, except as follows:

3
4 (i) As specified under subsection (g) of this
5 section; or

6
7 (ii) A scholarship for a student enrolled in a
8 baccalaureate degree program at a Wyoming community college
9 shall be for a maximum of the equivalent of eight (8) full-
10 time semesters.

11
12 (c) To remain eligible for the scholarship under this
13 section, the student shall:

14
15 (i) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f) and
16 subsection (h) of this section, make satisfactory academic
17 progress toward a certificate or degree. If a student
18 fails to make satisfactory academic progress or maintain
19 the cumulative grade point average required for
20 continuation in the program as provided in this subsection,
21 the student shall become ineligible for the scholarship in
22 subsequent semesters unless granted an exception for cause
23 by the department or except as otherwise provided in
24 subsection (f) of this section. The department may delegate
25 to any eligible institution the department's authority to
26 grant an exception for cause, but shall only do so in
27 accordance with department rules establishing procedures
28 and criteria for granting an exception and any eligible
29 institution acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant
30 exceptions only in accordance with those rules;

31
32 (ii) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f)
33 and subsections (f) and (h) of this section, maintain
34 continuous enrollment for not less than two (2) semesters
35 in each successive academic year. The department shall by
36 rule and regulation establish exceptions to the requirement
37 of this paragraph for military service, religious service
38 and other good cause shown; and

39
40 (iii) Maintain a cumulative grade point average
41 as evaluated at the end of each spring academic term as
42 follows:

43
44 (A) For Hathaway opportunity scholarships,
45 at least a 2.25 GPA;

1
2 (B) For Hathaway performance scholarships
3 and Hathaway honor scholarships, at least a 2.50 GPA.
4

5 (d) A student receiving a Hathaway honor scholarship
6 or a Hathaway performance scholarship who fails to meet the
7 GPA requirements of subsection (c) of this section
8 necessary to maintain that scholarship may be awarded a
9 Hathaway opportunity scholarship for attendance at an
10 appropriate eligible institution if he meets the
11 requirements necessary to maintain that scholarship.
12

13 (e) The cumulative grade point average required under
14 this section to maintain a scholarship shall be the
15 student's grade point average achieved at all eligible
16 institutions after the student's initial eligibility as
17 determined under W.S. 21-16-1303(d).
18

19 (f) If a student is otherwise eligible under this
20 article and neither the applicable number of full-time
21 equivalent semesters nor the maximum scholarship
22 eligibility time period specified under subsection (b) of
23 this section and W.S. 21-16-1303(d), including semesters
24 for which a scholarship was not received, has been reached,
25 a scholarship under this section which is lost may be
26 reinstated if the student meets the applicable requirements
27 imposed by this subsection and successfully completes
28 courses at an eligible institution in a summer school
29 session for which the student enrolled in at least six (6)
30 semester hours or an academic term occurring during the
31 period the scholarship is lost. A lost scholarship shall be
32 reinstated in the first academic term following the
33 academic term or summer school session during which the
34 student:
35

36 (i) Attains satisfactory academic progress as
37 defined by W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xiv) for a scholarship lost
38 under this subsection for failure to meet the requirements
39 of paragraph (c)(i) of this section; or
40

41 (ii) Achieves the cumulative grade point average
42 required of the applicable scholarship under paragraph
43 (c)(iii) of this section for a scholarship lost for failure
44 to meet the requirements of paragraph (c)(iii) of this
45 section; or

1
2 (iii) For a scholarship lost for failure to meet
3 the requirements of (c)(ii) of this section, enrolls and
4 completes one (1) academic term as a full-time or part-time
5 student, whichever is applicable, occurring during the
6 period in which the scholarship is lost.

7
8 (g) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a
9 scholarship received under this section for attendance at a
10 Wyoming community college for four (4) full-time semesters
11 may be extended for continued attendance at a Wyoming
12 community college by a student who otherwise remains
13 eligible for that scholarship under this article, and that
14 student has earned a certificate or degree from a Wyoming
15 community college or has otherwise successfully completed
16 sufficient courses for eligibility to enroll in courses
17 within a program offered by a Wyoming community college
18 which leads to a professional degree. A scholarship
19 extended under this subsection shall not exceed the maximum
20 equivalent of eight (8) full-time semesters when combined
21 with the four (4) full-time semesters of initial community
22 college attendance under the scholarship and shall not
23 support enrollment in coursework at an institution other
24 than a Wyoming community college or the University of
25 Wyoming.

26
27 (h) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (a)(i)(B), (ii)(B)
28 and (iii)(B) of this section, the applicable scholarship
29 amount awarded to any eligible student may be available to
30 that student, upon election, for enrollment in up to six
31 (6) semester hours during any summer academic term or other
32 academic term offered by an eligible institution outside of
33 the regular fall or spring semester, subject to the
34 following:

35
36 (i) The amount provided under subparagraph
37 (a)(i)(A), (ii)(A) or (iii)(A) of this section, as
38 applicable, for enrollment in up to six (6) hours during
39 any summer term or other academic term offered by an
40 eligible institution shall be available in an amount equal
41 to the proportion of the per semester scholarship amount
42 that the number of semester hours enrolled bears to twelve
43 (12);
44

1 (ii) The computation under paragraph (i) of this
2 subsection shall be based upon that scholarship amount for
3 which the student is qualified under this section at the
4 time of his enrollment in the summer or other academic term
5 pursuant to this subsection;

6
7 (iii) The amount paid under this subsection
8 shall be included in computing the student's total maximum
9 scholarship amount under this section, as applied to that
10 scholarship amount for which the student qualifies under
11 this section at the time of his last eligible academic
12 semester or semesters, as applicable;

13
14 (iv) Scholarships under this subsection shall
15 not be included in computations for that student's six (6)
16 academic year limitation on scholarships under this
17 section, his eight (8) or four (4) full-time semester
18 equivalency limitation under subsection (b) of this
19 section, as applicable, his satisfactory academic progress
20 requirements under paragraph (c)(i) of this section, his
21 continuous enrollment requirements under paragraph (c)(ii)
22 of this section or in reinstating lost scholarships under
23 paragraph (f)(iii) of this section;

24
25 (v) The student's hours of enrollment under this
26 subsection shall be used to determine the state's
27 obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the
28 student's scholarship as applied under this subsection,
29 subject to W.S. 21-16-1308(a)(v) and rules and regulations
30 of the department.

31
32 21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity
33 scholarships.

34
35 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-
36 16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional
37 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree
38 as follows:

39
40 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of
41 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the 2015-
42 2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a college
43 entrance examination administered throughout the United
44 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education
45 to determine acceptance of students for attendance or a

1 qualifying cumulative score on a career-technical aptitude
2 test as determined by the department, a scholarship for:

3
4 (A) Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)
5 per semester at a Wyoming community college if enrolled for
6 twelve (12) or more semester hours;

7
8 (B) The amount provided under subparagraph
9 (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of
10 which is the number of hours for which the student is
11 enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12), if enrolled at
12 a Wyoming community college for at least six (6) and less
13 than twelve (12) semester hours;

14
15 (C) For students enrolled in a program at a
16 Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training
17 and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled
18 in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount
19 provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a
20 fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for
21 which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve
22 (12).

23
24 (ii) Scholarships under paragraph (i) of this
25 subsection shall be for a maximum of the equivalent of four
26 (4) full-time semesters;

27
28 (iii) A student who receives a scholarship under
29 paragraph (i) of this subsection and who earns a
30 certificate from the community college with a minimum
31 cumulative GPA of 2.25 may extend the provisional
32 opportunity scholarship to pursue either a certificate or a
33 degree at a Wyoming community college or if the student
34 earns a degree from the community college with a minimum
35 GPA of 2.25, may extend the scholarship to pursue a degree
36 at the University of Wyoming if the student maintains a
37 minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 and otherwise remains
38 eligible for a scholarship under this article. A student
39 who receives a scholarship under paragraph (i) of this
40 subsection, is enrolled in a community college applied
41 baccalaureate program and has received a minimum cumulative
42 GPA of 2.25 after four (4) full-time semesters may extend
43 the provisional opportunity scholarship for an additional
44 four (4) full-time semesters to complete the baccalaureate
45 degree if the student maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of

1 2.25 and otherwise remains eligible for a scholarship under
2 this article. The scholarship under this paragraph shall be
3 for the same amounts and subject to the same limitations as
4 provided for scholarships under paragraph (a)(i) of this
5 section, except that the student may continue a
6 baccalaureate program or pursue either an additional
7 certificate or a degree and the student may use this
8 scholarship while attending a Wyoming community college or
9 the University of Wyoming.

10
11 (b) To remain eligible for the scholarship award
12 under this section, the student shall:

13
14 (i) Except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1303(f) and
15 subsection (e) of this section, make satisfactory academic
16 progress toward a certificate or degree. If a student fails
17 to make satisfactory academic progress or maintain the
18 cumulative grade point average required for continuation in
19 the program provided in paragraph (iii) of this subsection,
20 the student shall become ineligible for the scholarship in
21 subsequent semesters unless granted an exception for cause
22 by the department or except as otherwise provided in
23 subsection (d) of this section. The department may delegate
24 to any eligible institution the department's authority to
25 grant an exception for cause, but shall only do so in
26 accordance with department rules establishing procedures
27 and criteria for granting an exception and any eligible
28 institution acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant
29 exceptions only in accordance with those rules;

30
31 (ii) Except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1303(f)
32 and subsections (d) and (e) of this section, maintain
33 continuous enrollment for not less than two (2) semesters
34 in each successive academic year. The department shall by
35 rule and regulation establish exceptions to the requirement
36 of this paragraph for military service, religious service
37 and other good cause shown; and

38
39 (iii) Maintain a cumulative grade point average
40 of at least 2.25 GPA, as evaluated at the end of each
41 spring academic term for certificates or degrees that
42 require more than one (1) academic year.

43
44 (c) The cumulative grade point average required under
45 this section to maintain a scholarship shall be the

1 student's grade point average achieved at all eligible
2 institutions after the student's initial eligibility as
3 determined under W.S. 21-16-1303(d).
4

5 (d) If a student is otherwise eligible under this
6 article and neither the applicable number of full-time
7 equivalent semesters nor the maximum scholarship
8 eligibility time period specified under paragraph (a)(ii)
9 of this section and W.S. 21-16-1303(d), including semesters
10 for which a scholarship was not received, has been reached,
11 a scholarship under this section which is lost may be
12 reinstated if the student meets the applicable requirements
13 imposed by this subsection and successfully completes
14 courses at an eligible institution in a summer school
15 session for which the student enrolled in at least six (6)
16 semester hours or an academic term occurring during the
17 period the scholarship is lost. A lost scholarship shall be
18 reinstated in the first academic term following the
19 academic term or summer school session during which the
20 student:
21

22 (i) Attains satisfactory academic progress as
23 defined by W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xiv) for a scholarship lost
24 for failure to meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(i) of
25 this section; or
26

27 (ii) Achieves the cumulative grade point average
28 required under paragraph (b)(iii) of this section for a
29 scholarship lost for failure to meet the requirements of
30 paragraph (b)(iii) of this section; or
31

32 (iii) For a scholarship lost for failure to meet
33 the requirements of paragraph (b)(ii) of this section,
34 enrolls and completes one (1) academic term as a full-time
35 or part-time student, whichever is applicable, occurring
36 during the period in which the scholarship is lost.
37

38 (e) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(i)(B) of this
39 section, the scholarship amount awarded to any eligible
40 student may be available to that student, upon election,
41 for enrollment in up to six (6) semester hours during any
42 summer academic term or other academic term offered by an
43 eligible institution outside of the regular fall or spring
44 semester, subject to the following:
45

1 (i) The amount provided under subparagraph
2 (a)(i)(A) of this section for enrollment in up to six (6)
3 hours during any summer term or other academic term offered
4 by an eligible institution shall be available in an amount
5 equal to the proportion of the per semester scholarship
6 amount that the number of semester hours enrolled bears to
7 twelve (12);

8
9 (ii) The computation under paragraph (i) of this
10 subsection shall be based upon that scholarship amount for
11 which the student is qualified under this section at the
12 time of his enrollment in the summer or other academic term
13 pursuant to this subsection;

14
15 (iii) The amount paid under this subsection
16 shall be included in computing the student's total maximum
17 scholarship amount under this section, as applied to that
18 scholarship amount for which the student qualifies under
19 this section at the time of his last eligible academic
20 semester or semesters, as applicable;

21
22 (iv) Scholarships under this subsection shall
23 not be included in computations for that student's six (6)
24 academic year limitation on his scholarship under this
25 section, his four (4) year full-time semester equivalency
26 limitation or extension thereof under paragraph (a)(iii) of
27 this section, his satisfactory academic progress
28 requirements under paragraph (b)(i) of this section, his
29 continuous enrollment requirements under paragraph (b)(ii)
30 of this section or in reinstating lost scholarships under
31 paragraph (d)(iii) of this section;

32
33 (v) The student's hours of enrollment under this
34 subsection shall be used to determine the state's
35 obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the
36 student's scholarship as applied under this subsection,
37 subject to W.S. 21-16-1308(a)(v) and rules and regulations
38 of the department.

39
40 21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.

41
42 (b) The department shall, in consultation with
43 University of Wyoming and community college admissions
44 officers, the Wyoming community college commission and
45 financial aid officers and school districts, promulgate

1 rules and regulations necessary to implement this article,
2 including:

3
4 (v) *Criteria, which shall include satisfactory*
5 *completion of all terms and conditions imposed upon the*
6 *applicant by the court in which the felony conviction was*
7 *obtained, in order to determine when an exception may be*
8 *granted to W.S. 21-16-1303(e)(vi) to allow the person to*
9 *receive a scholarship under this article;*

10
11 *****
12 *****
13

14 **Section 3.** For any student who received a Hathaway
15 honors, performance, opportunity or provisional opportunity
16 scholarship before the effective date of this act and who
17 continues to have eligibility for the scholarship, the
18 student shall continue to receive the scholarship pursuant
19 to Title 21, Chapter 16, Article 13 of the Wyoming Statutes
20 as in effect on June 30, 2026.

21
22 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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24 (END)