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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; eliminates
4 satisfactory academic progress requirements; eliminates
5 continuous enrollment requirements; eliminates minimum
6 credit hour requirements; amending the calculation of
7 scholarship amounts; deleting obsolete language; making
8 conforming amendments; specifying applicability; repealing
9 provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(i), (ii) and by
2 creating new paragraphs (xxi) and (xxii), 21-16-1303(d),
3 21-16-1304(a)(i)(intro), (ii)(intro), (iii)(intro) and
4 (h)(intro), 21-16-1305(a)(i)(intro) and (e)(intro),
5 21-16-1306 by creating a new subsection (c),
6 21-16-1307(b)(intro), (d)(intro) and (e)(intro),
7 21-16-1308(c)(ii), 21-16-1309(a) and by creating a new
8 subsection (c), 21-16-1312(c) and 21-18-404 are amended to
9 read:

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11 **21-16-1301. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this article:

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15 (i) "Academic term" means the fall semester or
16 term, ~~or the spring semester or term~~ or other term offered
17 by an eligible institution. In this article, "term" and
18 "semester" have the same meaning; ~~except that recipients~~
19 ~~may elect to use the scholarship during summer school,~~
20 ~~which except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1304(h) and~~
21 ~~21-16-1305(e), counts toward the maximum number of terms~~

1 ~~for which the student is eligible but does not count toward~~
2 ~~computation of an academic year;~~

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

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

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16 (xxii) "Total scholarship amount" means the
17 dollar amount specified under W.S. 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305
18 for the scholarship the student is first awarded under W.S.
19 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305.

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

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

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

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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:

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

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12 (ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
13 of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
14 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college
15 entrance examination administered throughout the United
16 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education
17 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a
18 Hathaway performance scholarship ~~for:~~in a total
19 scholarship amount of ten thousand eighty dollars
20 (\$10,080.00).

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1 (iii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
2 of 3.5 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
3 national percentile rank of seventy-nine (79) on an
4 examination administered throughout the United States and
5 relied upon by institutions of higher education to
6 determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway
7 honor scholarship ~~for: in a total scholarship amount of~~
8 ~~thirteen thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$13,440.00).~~

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

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19 **21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity**
20 **scholarships.**

21

1 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
2 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional
3 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree
4 as follows:

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6 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of
7 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the
8 2015-2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a
9 college entrance examination administered throughout the
10 United States and relied upon by institutions of higher
11 education to determine acceptance of students for
12 attendance or a qualifying cumulative score on a
13 career-technical aptitude test as determined by the
14 department, a scholarship ~~for:~~ in a total scholarship
15 amount of three thousand three hundred sixty dollars
16 (\$3,360.00).

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18 (e) ~~Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(i)(B) of this~~
19 ~~section,~~ The scholarship amount awarded to any eligible
20 student under this section may be available to that
21 student, ~~upon election,~~ for enrollment ~~in up to six (6)~~
22 ~~semester hours~~ during any summer academic term or other

1 academic term offered by an eligible institution outside of
2 the regular fall or spring semester ~~., subject to the~~
3 ~~following:~~

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5 **21-16-1306. Need based scholarships.**

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

14
15 (i) For students receiving the Hathaway honors
16 scholarship, the scholarship amount used to calculate unmet
17 financial need shall be:

18
19 (A) One thousand six hundred eighty dollars
20 (\$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:

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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:

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1 (A) The scholarship amount actually used by
2 the student in the semester; or

3
4 (B) Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)
5 per semester.

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

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

14
15 (B) Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)
16 per semester.

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18 **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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20 (b) Except as otherwise provided for by law, the
21 success curriculum required to qualify for honor or
22 performance scholarship eligibility under this article ~~for~~

1 ~~students graduating from high school in the 2019-2020~~
2 ~~school year and each school year thereafter~~ shall be as
3 follows:
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5 (d) The success curriculum required to qualify for
6 opportunity scholarship eligibility under this article ~~for~~
7 ~~students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011~~
8 ~~school year and each school year thereafter~~ shall be as
9 follows:
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11 (e) The success curriculum required to qualify for
12 provisional opportunity scholarship eligibility under this
13 article ~~for students graduating from high school in the~~
14 ~~2010-2011 school year and each school year thereafter~~ shall
15 be the curriculum required for high school graduation under
16 W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii) subject to the following:
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18 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**
19

20 (c) The department shall establish annual reporting
21 procedures for purposes of policy analysis and program
22 evaluation and providing accurate data to the legislature

1 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state
2 and on students. In developing the annual reporting
3 procedure the department shall consult with the University
4 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and
5 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the
6 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements
7 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of
8 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this
9 section shall be made a condition of receiving a
10 scholarship under this article. For any student attending
11 more than one (1) eligible institution, the home
12 institution shall be responsible for data reporting for
13 that student, and any other eligible institution shall
14 cooperate as necessary with the home institution to fulfill
15 that duty. The reporting system shall include the following
16 information:

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18 (ii) Scholarships by students as they progress
19 from semester to semester or other equivalent periods of
20 time as may be applicable once enrolled at an eligible
21 institution. The data shall be reported by institution
22 attended, by the instructional program, and by scholarship

1 category and shall include ~~the percent of students losing~~
2 ~~scholarship eligibility due to not earning the minimum~~
3 ~~number of credit hours, the percent of students losing~~
4 ~~scholarship eligibility due to not having the required~~
5 ~~cumulative grade point average, the percent of students~~
6 ~~losing scholarship eligibility for failing to make~~
7 ~~satisfactory academic progress and~~ the percentage of
8 students losing scholarship eligibility for failing to
9 enroll. The same information shall also be reported by
10 categories showing those students qualifying through
11 career-technical aptitude assessment scores and scores on
12 high school equivalency certification, and by the group of
13 students who attended a home-based educational program and
14 did not graduate from an eligible high school;

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

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18 (a) Except the needs based scholarship awarded
19 pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1306, to the extent a scholarship
20 under this article would, when combined with any grant or
21 scholarship from a student financial aid program
22 administered through the state or any state institution, in

1 any semester exceed the cost of ~~attendance~~tuition and
2 mandatory fees at the eligible institution, the scholarship
3 under this article shall be reduced by the amount necessary
4 to not exceed that cost of ~~attendance~~tuition and mandatory
5 fees.

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7 (c) Any student receiving a scholarship under W.S.
8 21-16-1304 or 21-16-1305 may elect to receive all or a
9 portion of the remaining scholarship amount in any semester
10 in which the student is enrolled at an eligible
11 institution. The election shall be submitted to the
12 eligible institution at the time of enrollment for an
13 academic term. The eligible institution shall calculate the
14 student's remaining scholarship amount in accordance with
15 W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xxi) and shall include the amount, as
16 limited in this subsection, in its certification of
17 students under W.S. 21-16-1308(a)(iv). The department shall
18 review the amount certified for each student and include
19 the amount it determines to be in compliance with this
20 article in its certification to the state treasurer of
21 balances due to each institution under W.S.
22 21-16-1308(a)(v). Crediting of a student's remaining

1 scholarship amount under this subsection shall be limited
2 so that the remaining scholarship amount to be credited
3 does not exceed the cost of the student's tuition and
4 mandatory fees for the semester.

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6 **21-16-1312. Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarship;**
7 **eligibility requirements and conditions; selection.**

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9 (c) A Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarship shall be
10 for the student's cost of ~~attendance~~ tuition and mandatory
11 fees at an eligible institution, but not to exceed the
12 maximum dollar amount provided to students receiving a
13 trustee scholarship at the University of Wyoming and
14 subject to reduction in accordance with W.S. 21-16-1309(a).
15 No student shall be eligible for a Hathaway expand Wyoming
16 scholarship for more than the equivalent of eight (8)
17 full-time semesters. ~~Minimum continuing eligibility and~~
18 ~~reinstatement eligibility requirements for a Hathaway~~
19 ~~expand Wyoming scholarship shall be the same as~~
20 ~~requirements for a Hathaway honors scholarship. These~~
21 ~~minimum requirements may be increased by rule of the~~
22 ~~department to requirements no more stringent than those~~

1 ~~imposed by the University of Wyoming for recipients of a~~
2 ~~trustee scholarship. Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarships~~
3 ~~may be reduced in the same manner and to lower levels as~~
4 ~~provided for Hathaway honor scholarships for failure to~~
5 ~~meet continuing eligibility requirements.~~ To remain
6 eligible for the scholarship under this section, the
7 student shall:

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9 (i) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25;

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

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

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

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20 There shall be made available student grants under the
21 Wyoming works program. The grant amount shall not exceed
22 ~~the amount provided for two (2) semesters under the~~

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

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(xiv), 21-16-1303(f),
2 21-16-1304(a)(i)(A) through (C), (ii)(A) through (C),
3 (iii)(A) through (C), (b) through (g) and (h)(i) through
4 (v) and 21-16-1305(a)(i)(A) through (C), (ii), (iii), (b)
5 through (d) and (e)(i) through (v) are repealed.

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

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

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17 (END)