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NOT APPROVED FOR
INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Increase of Hathaway scholarship awards.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to increasing the Hathaway scholarship
2 program awards; making conforming amendments; and providing
3 for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1304(a)(i)(A), (ii)(A) and
8 (iii)(A), 21-16-1305(a)(i)(A) and 21-16-1306(a)(i)(B)(II)
9 and (C) are amended to read:

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11 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
12 **honor scholarships.**

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

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

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13 (A) ~~Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)~~
14 One thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$1,340.00) per
15 semester at an eligible institution if enrolled for twelve
16 (12) or more semester hours;

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18 (ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA
19 of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016
20 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college
21 entrance examination administered throughout the United
22 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education

1 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a
2 Hathaway performance scholarship for:

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4 (A) ~~One thousand two hundred sixty dollars~~
5 ~~(\$1,260.00)~~ Two thousand ten dollars (\$2,010.00) per
6 semester at an eligible institution if enrolled for twelve
7 (12) or more semester hours;

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

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17 (A) ~~One thousand six hundred eighty dollars~~
18 ~~(\$1,680.00)~~ Two thousand six hundred eighty dollars
19 (\$2,680.00) per semester at an eligible institution if
20 enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours;

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

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4 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.
5 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional
6 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree
7 as follows:

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9 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of
10 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the
11 2015-2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a
12 college entrance examination administered throughout the
13 United States and relied upon by institutions of higher
14 education to determine acceptance of students for
15 attendance or a qualifying cumulative score on a
16 career-technical aptitude test as determined by the
17 department, a scholarship for:

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19 (A) ~~Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)~~
20 One thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$1,340.00) per
21 semester at a Wyoming community college if enrolled for
22 twelve (12) or more semester hours;

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2 **21-16-1306. Need based scholarships.**

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4 (a) In addition to scholarships made available under
5 W.S. 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 there shall be made
6 available a need based Hathaway scholarship as follows:

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8 (i) The scholarship shall be available only to
9 students qualifying for a scholarship under W.S. 21-16-1304
10 or 21-16-1305 and for federal financial aid. The
11 scholarships under this section shall be computed and
12 awarded as follows:

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14 (B) If the student has annual unmet
15 financial need greater than two thousand dollars
16 (\$2,000.00):

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18 (II) If a student is eligible for a
19 scholarship under this article but does not qualify under
20 subdivision (I) of this subparagraph - an award equal to
21 twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual unmet financial
22 need in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), but not

1 to exceed ~~one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars~~
2 ~~(\$1,575.00)~~ two thousand five hundred twelve dollars
3 (\$2,512.00) per year.

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5 (C) A student qualifying for any award
6 under this section shall receive a minimum amount of ~~one~~
7 ~~hundred five dollars (\$105.00)~~ one hundred sixty-seven
8 dollars (\$167.00) for each semester of qualification.

9 One-half (1/2) of the annual award amount under this
10 section shall be provided to the student at each semester
11 of qualification;

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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15 (END)