

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0099

Hathaway scholarship program.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; expanding the Hathaway
2 scholarship program to graduate and professional degrees;
3 clarifying provisions regarding students attending multiple
4 institutions under the Hathaway scholarship program;
5 extending time for attending post secondary institutions
6 under the Hathaway program as specified; and providing for
7 an effective date.

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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)(vi), 21-16-1303(d) and
12 by creating a new subsection (f), 21-16-1304(c)(i) and
13 (ii), 21-16-1305(b)(i) and (ii) and 21-16-1308(a)(iv), (v)
14 and (c)(intro) are amended to read:

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

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1 (a) As used in this article:

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3 (vi) "Degree" means a baccalaureate, ~~or~~ an
4 associate degree other than a certificate and a graduate or
5 professional degree;

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7 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
8 **requirements.**

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

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1 (f) Students meeting the requirements of this
2 subsection shall not be subject to the six (6) academic
3 year limitation on scholarships under this article, the
4 satisfactory academic progress requirements of W.S.
5 21-16-1304(c)(i) and 21-16-1305(b)(i) or the continuous
6 enrollment requirements of W.S. 21-16-1304(c)(ii) and
7 21-16-1305(b)(ii), but shall be subject to the following:

8
9 (i) Have been initially eligible for and
10 received a Hathaway scholarship;

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12 (ii) Have received an associate of applied
13 science degree from an eligible institution;

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15 (iii) Have engaged in a vocation related to the
16 associate of applied science degree after initially
17 receiving a Hathaway scholarship;

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19 (iv) Within the earlier of eight (8) years of
20 initial Hathaway scholarship eligibility or four (4) years
21 of last attending an eligible institution while receiving a
22 Hathaway scholarship, have enrolled at the University of
23 Wyoming to complete a baccalaureate of applied science

1 degree and have applied for reinstatement of the student's
2 Hathaway scholarship;

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4 (v) Upon application for reinstatement of the
5 Hathaway scholarship, be subject to the maintenance grade
6 point average and other eligibility requirements under this
7 article;

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9 (vi) Upon reinstatement of eligibility, be
10 subject to the satisfactory academic progress requirements
11 of W.S. 21-16-1304(c)(i) and 21-16-1305(b)(i) and the
12 continuous enrollment requirements of W.S.
13 21-16-1304(c)(ii) and 21-16-1305(b)(ii);

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15 (vii) Not have received a Hathaway scholarship
16 for more than the equivalent of four (4) full-time
17 semesters; and

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19 (viii) Not be eligible for a scholarship under
20 this article;

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22 (A) For more than a total of the equivalent
23 of eight (8) full-time semesters; nor

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1 (B) For any semesters commencing after ten
2 (10) academic years following the student's initial
3 eligibility.

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5 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
6 **honor scholarships.**

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8 (c) To remain eligible for the scholarship under this
9 section, the student shall:

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

1 only in accordance with those rules. The scholarship under
2 this article which is lost for failing to maintain the
3 requisite grade point average shall be reinstated for the
4 subsequent semester following attainment of the cumulative
5 grade point average required of the applicable scholarship
6 under paragraph (iii) of this subsection, provided that the
7 student is otherwise eligible and neither the applicable
8 maximum number of full-time equivalent semesters nor the
9 maximum scholarship eligibility time period specified under
10 subsection (b) of this section and W.S. 21-16-1303(d),
11 including semesters for which a scholarship was not
12 received, has been reached;

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14 (ii) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f),
15 maintain continuous enrollment for not less than two (2)
16 semesters in each successive academic year. The department
17 shall by rule and regulation establish exceptions to the
18 requirement of this paragraph for military service,
19 religious service and other good cause shown; and

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21 **21-16-1305. Hathaway career scholarships.**

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23 (b) To remain eligible for the scholarship award
24 under this section, the student shall:

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2 (i) Except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1303(f),

3 make satisfactory academic progress toward a certificate or

4 degree. If a student fails to make satisfactory academic

5 progress or maintain the cumulative grade point average

6 required for continuation in the program provided in

7 paragraph (iii) of this subsection, the student shall

8 become ineligible for the scholarship in subsequent

9 semesters unless granted an exception for cause by the

10 department or except as otherwise provided in this

11 subsection. The department may delegate to any eligible

12 institution the department's authority to grant an

13 exception for cause, but shall only do so in accordance

14 with department rules establishing procedures and criteria

15 for granting an exception and any eligible institution

16 acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant exceptions

17 only in accordance with those rules. The scholarship under

18 this article which is lost for failing to maintain the

19 requisite grade point average shall be reinstated for the

20 subsequent semester following attainment of the cumulative

21 grade point average required under paragraph (iii) of this

22 subsection provided that the student is otherwise eligible

23 and that neither the maximum number of full-time equivalent

24 semesters nor the maximum scholarship eligibility time

1 period specified under subsection (a) of this section and
2 W.S. 21-16-1303(d), including semesters for which a
3 scholarship was not received, has not been reached;

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5 (ii) Except as provided by W.S. 21-16-1303(f),
6 maintain continuous enrollment for not less than two (2)
7 semesters in each successive academic year. The department
8 shall by rule and regulation establish exceptions to the
9 requirement of this paragraph for military service,
10 religious service and other good cause shown; and

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12 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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

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17 (iv) Each eligible institution receiving an
18 application from a student applying for a Hathaway
19 scholarship shall preliminarily determine the student's
20 eligibility for the scholarship. For students initially
21 applying for a scholarship, unless the student's complete
22 academic record is available, the GPA used to preliminarily
23 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
24 official high school transcript after either the end of the

1 first semester of a student's senior year or the second
2 semester of a student's junior year, at the sole discretion
3 of the eligible institution. For students graduating prior
4 to their senior year the GPA used to preliminarily
5 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
6 official high school transcript as of the end of the
7 semester immediately prior to the last semester before the
8 student's graduation. High school GPAs for final
9 eligibility determinations for students initially applying
10 for a scholarship under this article shall be based upon
11 the student's complete high school academic record. Upon
12 final determination of scholarship eligibility, each
13 community college shall certify to the community college
14 commission not later than thirty (30) days after the
15 semester commences, a list of students enrolled at the
16 institution who qualify for a scholarship under this
17 article, including the amount of each scholarship. The
18 university shall certify to the department within forty-
19 five (45) days after the semester commences a like list for
20 students enrolled at the university. The director of the
21 community college commission shall verify within ten (10)
22 days after receiving all lists from community colleges ~~that~~
23 whether there is ~~no~~ any duplication of students on the
24 community college lists, shall provide the lists to the

1 department and shall certify to the department the amount
2 each college is to receive under this article. Students
3 attending more than one (1) eligible institution shall
4 enter into a consortium agreement with the multiple
5 institutions whereby the student shall designate a home
6 institution to be paid the entire Hathaway scholarship
7 amount for which the student qualifies;

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9 (v) The department shall determine and certify
10 to the state treasurer the amount which is equal to
11 seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount the eligible
12 institution received during the preceding semester under
13 this subsection. Not later than September 1 for the fall
14 semester and not later than January 15 for the spring
15 semester, the state treasurer shall pay from the
16 scholarship expenditure account the amount certified by the
17 department. The department shall review the lists provided
18 under paragraph (iv) of this subsection, determine whether
19 there is ~~no~~ any duplication of students, and determine and
20 certify to the state treasurer the balance of the amount
21 due under this article to each institution for the
22 semester. For any duplication, the department shall
23 determine whether the student is attending more than one
24 (1) eligible institution. If the student is attending

1 multiple eligible institutions payment of the Hathaway
2 scholarship for which the student qualifies shall be made
3 only to the institution designated as the home institution
4 by the student. The state treasurer shall pay from the
5 scholarship expenditure account the balance of the amount
6 due. Payments of the balance due under this paragraph
7 shall be made not later than seventy-five (75) days after
8 the institution's semester has commenced. Payments to the
9 university shall be made directly to the university.
10 Payments to the community colleges shall be made directly
11 to each college and be reported by the state treasurer to
12 the community college commission. Should a prepayment
13 under this paragraph exceed the amount actually due the
14 institution for any semester, the excess amount shall be
15 calculated by the department and deducted from the next
16 payment made. For purposes of this subsection, payments
17 due for summer terms shall be included within the
18 calculations and payments for the subsequent fall semester.

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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
23 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state
24 and on students. In developing the annual reporting

1 procedure the department shall consult with the University
2 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and
3 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the
4 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements
5 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of
6 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this
7 section shall be made a condition of receiving a
8 scholarship under this article. For any student attending
9 more than one (1) eligible institution, the home
10 institution shall be responsible for data reporting for
11 that student, and any other eligible institution shall
12 cooperate as necessary with the home institution to fulfill
13 that duty. The reporting system shall include the following
14 information:
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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.
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21 (END)