

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0192

Education-Hathaway scholarship program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Freeman, Dayton, Harshman,
Northrup, Sommers and Throne and Senator(s)
Anderson, J.D. (SD02), Coe and Craft

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program;
2 providing the ability to petition to increase scholarship
3 award as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for
4 an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1304 by creating a new
9 subsection (j), 21-16-1305 by creating a new subsection (f)
10 and 21-16-1308(a)(iv), by creating a new paragraph (v) and
11 by renumbering (v) as (vi) are amended to read:

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13 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**
14 **honor scholarships.**

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1 (j) A student receiving a Hathaway performance
2 scholarship or Hathaway opportunity scholarship who
3 maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25
4 for two (2) consecutive semesters may apply to the
5 department for receipt of the Hathaway honor scholarship
6 for the remainder of scholarship eligibility provided under
7 W.S. 21-16-1303(d). Eligibility shall be evaluated at the
8 end of the spring academic term. The department may
9 delegate to any eligible institution the department's
10 authority to grant a request in accordance with this
11 subsection, but shall only do so in accordance with
12 department rules and regulations establishing procedures
13 and criteria for granting a request for receipt of the
14 Hathaway honor scholarship under this subsection.

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

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19 (f) A student receiving a Hathaway provisional
20 opportunity scholarship who maintains a cumulative grade
21 point average of at least 3.25 for two (2) consecutive
22 semesters may apply to the department for receipt of the
23 Hathaway honor scholarship for the remainder of scholarship

1 eligibility provided under W.S. 21-16-1303(d). Eligibility
2 under this subsection shall be evaluated at the end of the
3 spring academic term. The department may delegate to any
4 eligible institution the department's authority to grant a
5 request in accordance with this subsection, but shall only
6 do so in accordance with department rules and regulations
7 establishing procedures and criteria for granting a request
8 for receipt of the Hathaway honor scholarship under this
9 subsection.

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11 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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

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16 (iv) Each eligible institution receiving an
17 application from a student applying for a Hathaway
18 scholarship shall preliminarily determine the student's
19 eligibility for the scholarship. For students initially
20 applying for a scholarship, unless the student's complete
21 academic record is available, the GPA used to preliminarily
22 determine eligibility shall be based upon the student's
23 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, including
13 any increase in scholarship level granted under W.S.
14 21-16-1304(j) or 21-16-1305(f), each community college
15 shall certify to the community college commission not later
16 than thirty (30) days after the semester commences, a list
17 of students enrolled at the institution who qualify for a
18 scholarship under this article, including the amount of
19 each scholarship. The university shall certify to the
20 department within forty-five (45) days after the semester
21 commences a like list for students enrolled at the
22 university. The director of the community college
23 commission shall verify within ten (10) days after

1 receiving all lists from community colleges whether there
2 is any duplication of students on the community college
3 lists, shall provide the lists to the department and shall
4 certify to the department the amount each college is to
5 receive under this article. Students attending more than
6 one (1) eligible institution shall enter into a consortium
7 agreement with the multiple institutions whereby the
8 student shall designate a home institution to be paid the
9 entire Hathaway scholarship amount for which the student
10 qualifies;

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12 (v) Upon the request of a student, the
13 department shall determine the student's eligibility to
14 receive the Hathaway honor scholarship based on academic
15 performance in accordance with W.S. 21-16-1304(j) or
16 21-16-1305(f). The department shall promulgate rules and
17 regulations establishing procedures and criteria for
18 granting a request under this paragraph. The department
19 may delegate to any eligible institution the department's
20 authority to grant a request in accordance with this
21 paragraph, but shall only do so in accordance with
22 department rules and regulations;

1 ~~(v)~~ (vi) The department shall determine and
2 certify to the state treasurer the amount which is equal to
3 seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount the eligible
4 institution received during the preceding semester under
5 this subsection. Not later than September 1 for the fall
6 semester and not later than January 15 for the spring
7 semester, the state treasurer shall pay from the
8 scholarship expenditure account the amount certified by the
9 department. The department shall review the lists provided
10 under paragraph (iv) of this subsection, determine whether
11 there is any duplication of students, and determine and
12 certify to the state treasurer the balance of the amount
13 due under this article to each institution for the
14 semester. For any duplication, the department shall
15 determine whether the student is attending more than one
16 (1) eligible institution. If the student is attending
17 multiple eligible institutions payment of the Hathaway
18 scholarship for which the student qualifies shall be made
19 only to the institution designated as the home institution
20 by the student. The state treasurer shall pay from the
21 scholarship expenditure account the balance of the amount
22 due. Payments of the balance due under this paragraph
23 shall be made not later than seventy-five (75) days after

1 the institution's semester has commenced. Payments to the
2 university shall be made directly to the university.
3 Payments to the community colleges shall be made directly
4 to each college and be reported by the state treasurer to
5 the community college commission. Should a prepayment
6 under this paragraph exceed the amount actually due the
7 institution for any semester, the excess amount shall be
8 calculated by the department and deducted from the next
9 payment made. For purposes of this subsection, payments
10 due for summer terms shall be included within the
11 calculations and payments for the subsequent fall semester.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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