

SENATE FILE NO. SF0047

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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14 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.  
15 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a  
16 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:

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10 (A) ~~Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)~~  
11 One thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$1,180.00) per  
12 semester at an eligible institution if enrolled for twelve  
13 (12) or more semester hours;

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15 (ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA  
16 of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016  
17 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college  
18 entrance examination administered throughout the United  
19 States and relied upon by institutions of higher education  
20 to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a  
21 Hathaway performance scholarship for:

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1 (A) ~~One thousand two hundred sixty dollars~~  
 2 ~~(\$1,260.00)~~ One thousand seven hundred seventy dollars  
 3 (\$1,770.00) per semester at an eligible institution if  
 4 enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours;

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

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 14 (A) ~~One thousand six hundred eighty dollars~~  
 15 ~~(\$1,680.00)~~ Two thousand three hundred sixty dollars  
 16 (\$2,360.00) per semester at an eligible institution if  
 17 enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours;

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

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 22 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.  
 23 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional

1 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree  
2 as follows:

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4 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of  
5 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the  
6 2015-2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a  
7 college entrance examination administered throughout the  
8 United States and relied upon by institutions of higher  
9 education to determine acceptance of students for  
10 attendance or a qualifying cumulative score on a  
11 career-technical aptitude test as determined by the  
12 department, a scholarship for:

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14 (A) ~~Eight hundred forty dollars (\$840.00)~~  
15 One thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$1,180.00) per  
16 semester at a Wyoming community college if enrolled for  
17 twelve (12) or more semester hours;

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19 **21-16-1306. Need based scholarships.**

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

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2 (i) The scholarship shall be available only to  
3 students qualifying for a scholarship under W.S. 21-16-1304  
4 or 21-16-1305 and for federal financial aid. The  
5 scholarships under this section shall be computed and  
6 awarded as follows:

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8 (B) If the student has annual unmet  
9 financial need greater than two thousand dollars  
10 (\$2,000.00):

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12 (II) If a student is eligible for a  
13 scholarship under this article but does not qualify under  
14 subdivision (I) of this subparagraph - an award equal to  
15 twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual unmet financial  
16 need in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), but not  
17 to exceed ~~one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars~~  
18 ~~(\$1,575.00)~~ two thousand one hundred twenty dollars  
19 (\$2,120.00) per year.

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21 (C) A student qualifying for any award  
22 under this section shall receive a minimum amount of ~~one~~  
23 ~~hundred five dollars (\$105.00)~~ one hundred fifty dollars

1 (\$150.00) for each semester of qualification. One-half  
2 (1/2) of the annual award amount under this section shall  
3 be provided to the student at each semester of  
4 qualification;

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

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