



**SENATE BILL #2647**

**TITLE:** Revision and Continuation of the ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program

**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 5, 2019

**AUTHOR:** President Mulhall

**SPONSORS:** Senators Conard and Herold; Vice President Wilkins

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government reestablished the ASUW Senatorial
4. Scholarship Program in Senate Bill #2554; and,
5. WHEREAS, the Program has proven to positively affect Senator retention and
6. recruitment; and,
7. WHEREAS, elimination of the Program could result in decreased retention and
8. recruitment; and,
9. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators voluntarily run to be elected and dedicate much of
10. their time to be able to serve their constituents in the best manner possible; and,
11. WHEREAS, Senatorial Scholarship requirements have changed and Senators now
12. voluntarily dedicate extra time and work to ASUW to meet those requirements; and,
13. WHEREAS, an increase of the scholarship and a tiered allotment system will further
14. ensure that individuals from diverse backgrounds will be able to serve as Senators; and,
15. WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve currently has \$127,162.91 above the minimum
16. \$100,000 floor.
17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
18. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program

19. be continued, funded, and marketed as outlined in Addendum A; and,
20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that \$19,700 be allocated for the ASUW Budget for
21. Fiscal Year 2020, to be added to the Legislative Budget from the ASUW Reserve as the
22. ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program; and,
23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Steering Committee maintain
24. its review and maintenance of this Program as outlined in Addendum A.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning; Steering

**Date of Passage:** 2/12/19 **Signed:** *Jason A. Williams*  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 2/18/19, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” *Alexandra Mulhall*  
ASUW President

## **Addendum A**

### **Guidelines for ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Renewal**

#### Preamble

In an effort to increase Senatorial retention and efficacy, increase means of accountability, as well as enhancing access to Senatorial positions to those who might otherwise be unable to participate, the continuation of the ASUW Senatorial Scholarship will be instituted and restructured in order to maintain growth within the ASUW Student Government. The continuation shall operate in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this document.

#### Scholarship Outline

- A. Senators serving in the ASUW Senate shall be eligible to receive a total scholarship of \$600.00 for their academic year of service.
- B. Senators serving in the position of chair of one of the Standing Committees of the ASUW Senate shall be eligible to receive an additional \$100.00 for their academic year of service.
- C. Half of each Senator's scholarship shall be awarded at the end of the Fall Semester contingent upon the successful and satisfactory completion of the respective Senator's duties of office, as outlined in the ASUW By-Laws and determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
- D. The allocation structure will be as follows:
  - a. Senators completing all 'ASUW Senator Responsibilities', as outlined in Section 2.02 subsection 4 of the ASUW By-Laws, and the outlined service hour requirement for the Senatorial Scholarship shall receive \$200.00 per semester.
    - i. Committee chairs will receive \$250.00
    - ii. The outlined service hour requirement for the Senatorial Scholarship requires that Senators serve four (4) hours per service period.
  - b. Senators completing all 'ASUW Senator Responsibilities', as outlined in Section 2.02 subsection 4 of the ASUW By-Laws, and all of the Senatorial Scholarship requirements listed under Section 2.02 subsection 5 of the ASUW By-Laws shall receive \$300.00 per semester.
    - i. Committee chairs will receive \$350.00.
- E. Senators shall only be eligible for any tier of the scholarship if they have served a minimum of eight (8) weeks as a Senator.

#### Enforcement

- A. The ASUW Steering Committee will be charged with reviewing the Senatorial Scholarship each semester.
- B. The ASUW Steering Committee has discretion in determining the appropriate award for each Senator.
- C. If a Senator who would receive a scholarship resigns or is removed from office in any way, they will be ineligible to receive any scholarship money.

- a. There will be no expectation that a Senator who resigns or is removed from office in the Spring Semester will be liable for the portion of the scholarship awarded to them in the preceding Fall Semester.
- D. The scholarship will be marketed with recruiting of elections prior to ASUW Elections.

#### Duration and Review

- A. This continuation shall be in effect until the end of Fiscal Year 2020. This scholarship shall not continue without further legislative action of the ASUW Senate during the 107<sup>th</sup> Administration.
- B. The ASUW Budget and Planning Committee will be responsible for budgeting for the expenses of this scholarship throughout the length of this continuation and searching for methods of funding in the future.
  - a. Mandatory student fee dollars shall not be a possible method of funding the Senatorial Scholarship program.
- C. The ASUW Vice President is responsible for educating all Senators about scholarship opportunities during the Fall Senate Retreat and during the onboarding of new Senators.
- D. Review and continuation will be available under the ASUW Student Government 107<sup>th</sup> administration.