

SUPERIOR STUDENT IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Superior Student in Education Scholarship Program is to encourage Wyoming residents demonstrating superior academic achievement to pursue careers in teaching. Each year up to sixteen scholarships may be awarded to Wyoming high school graduates to attend the University or any Wyoming community college and major in education. Each of Wyoming's seven community colleges and the University of Wyoming may award two per year for a total of 16. Scholarships may be awarded for up to ten semesters of which no more than five semesters shall be at a community college. The scholarship value is \$500 per semester for a total annual amount of \$1000 in addition to any Hathaway merit scholarship awarded to the student. Applicants must re-apply for consideration each academic year. *Students should send all application materials to the Wyoming institution where they are enrolled (or will be enrolled) in a teacher education program. Applicants should contact the Financial Aid Office of the relevant community college for submission details.*

SELECTION CRITERIA

- i. the applicant or his/her parent or lawful guardian must be a resident of Wyoming and have been a resident for at least five years;
- ii. the applicant must document a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or a minimum university/community college GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;
- iii. the applicant must achieve a minimum composite score of 25 on the ACT or a minimum score of 1120 on the SAT (verbal + math);
- iv. the applicant must be a Wyoming high school graduate.

Other factors considered by the selection committee include courses completed, participation in extracurricular activities, and the students' responses to prepared questions.

ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM AFTER STARTING COLLEGE

- A student transferring to the University from a community college will be eligible to apply for the scholarship if s/he enters into a teacher preparation program and meets the above criteria.
- A student currently enrolled at the University will be eligible to apply for the scholarship if s/he enrolls in a teacher preparation program and meets the above criteria.

OBLIGATION WHILE IN TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The student must enroll and remain enrolled as a full-time student in a teacher preparation program at the University or a Wyoming community college and must maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.75. Failure to maintain the required cumulative GPA is grounds for denial of a Scholarship for a succeeding term, but not permanently so long as the student remains a full-time student enrolled in a teacher preparation program. Any temporary withdrawal of the Scholarship is counted as a semester of use. The student, if enrolled, is responsible for paying all charges assessed by the institution during the temporary Scholarship withdrawal period. A student who does not fulfill all requirements may be granted a probationary semester upon successful appeal to the Office of Teacher Education if the Scholarship was awarded by the University of Wyoming.

INFORMATION

- Write or call:
Office of Teacher Education
1000 E. University Ave., Dept 3374
Laramie, WY 82071
(307) 766-2230

On Campus:
McWhinnie Hall
Room 100
766-2230

E-Mail:
edquest@uwyo.edu

I have _____ have not _____ been awarded a Superior Student in Education Scholarship prior to this application.

If YES, from which institution(s) and for which semesters? [list all]

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Semester(s) & Year</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

I have been a legal resident of _____ since _____ .
(state) (date)

My father or mother or legal guardian (circle all that apply) has been a resident of _____ since _____ .
(state) (date)

All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. By submitting this application I indicate that I have read and do understand the above information. I give consent to have my grades, transcript(s), and/or financial information released when such information is required by the scholarship committee. I give my consent for my name to be released should I be awarded this scholarship.

(signature in ink)

(date)

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

For application to the University of Wyoming, it is the student's responsibility to ensure all materials reach the Office of Teacher Education by **March 27, 2009 for 2009-2010 applications ONLY.**

Applicants to a Wyoming community college should contact that Office of Financial Aid for submission details.

1. High school students: high school transcripts to include all course work completed through fall 2008.
2. College students: all college transcripts to include all course work completed through fall 2008.
3. Copy of your ACT or SAT score report.
4. List names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses of two professional educators who can comment on your demonstrated ability to become a successful teacher. The committee may personally contact these individuals to make a final decision if competition among applicants is close. Please do not ask these people to write a letter of reference, but do inform them that you have listed them as a contact person.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

5. Attach a one-page, typed statement describing your most significant or rewarding experience in a helping relationship and discuss why you have chosen teaching as a career.

Mail **all** materials to: Office of Teacher Education *or* On campus:
Dept 3374 McWhinnie Hall
1000 E. University Ave. Room 100
Laramie, WY 82071

FAXED SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED