

SENATE BILL #2554



TITLE: ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program

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AUTHORS: Senator Defebaugh

SPONSORS: Senators Drake, Farley, Julian, and Kerbs

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 Steering Committee is charged with holding elected Senators
4. accountable to the standards or representation as outlined in the ASUW Constitution, By-
5. Laws, and Rules and Procedures; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government passed Senate Bill #2511 as a one-year trial
7. program for ASUW Senatorial Scholarships to be administered, reviewed, and maintained at
8. Steering Committee's consideration; and,
9. WHEREAS, ASUW Student Senate has in the 2016-17 academic year seen increased
10. retention and accountability of ASUW Senators in performing duties and
11. responsibilities; and,
12. WHEREAS, ASUW Student Senators voluntarily run to be elected, but then become
13. representatives of their peers with demands of fulfilling their obligations to the
14. highest quality; and,
15. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government is more effective when its elected officials
16. come from diverse backgrounds, dedicating their time to growing the experience of all
17. students at the University of Wyoming; and,
18. WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve Account currently has a balance of \$218,500.57, which is
19. \$18,500.57 above the mandatory floor; and,

20. WHEREAS, the ASUW Steering Committee is the best suited for evaluation of the ASUW
21. Senatorial Program.
22. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
23. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program be enacted
24. and funded from the ASUW Reserve as outlined in Addendum A; and,
25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that \$12,800 be allocated for the ASUW Budget for
26. Fiscal Year 2018, to be added to the Legislative Budget from the ASUW Reserve as the
27. ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program; and,
28. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW Steering Committee maintain its review and
29. maintenance of this Program as outlined in Addendum A; and,

Referred to: B&P, Steering

Date of Passage: 04/18/17 Signed: Tyler Warner
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 04/19/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” William Roberts

ASUW President

Addendum A

Guidelines for ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program

Preamble

To increase Senatorial retention, efficacy, accountability, as well as, enhancing access to Senatorial positions to those who might otherwise be unable to participate, the ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Program shall be instituted and operate in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this document.

Scholarship Outline

- A. Senators serving in the ASUW Student Senate shall be eligible to receive a total scholarship of \$200.00 for their academic year of service.
- B. Senators serving in the position of chair of one of the Standing Committees of the ASUW Student Senate shall be eligible to receive an additional \$50.00 for their academic year of service.
- C. Half of each Senator's scholarship shall be awarded at the end the Fall Semester, and the remaining half at the end of the Spring Semester, contingent upon the successful and satisfactory completion of the respective Senator's duties of office, as outlined in the ASUW By-Laws. The ASUW Steering Committee shall provide a detailed outline for the entire year of specifics regarding service hours, expectations, and expectations at the beginning of the Fall Semester.
- D. If a Senator has filled a vacancy, they are eligible to receive a portion of that semester's half of the scholarship in proportion to the number of ASUW Student Senate meetings in which they were in attendance as a sworn member of the Senate, compared to the number of total Senate meetings in that semester.

Enforcement

- A. The ASUW Steering Committee will be charged with reviewing the Senatorial Scholarship each semester.
- B. If a Senator has been found to have failed to adequately fulfill his or her duties for that semester, the ASUW Steering Committee shall, with the advice and consent of the Dean of Students or designee, have the authority to withhold part or all of that Senator's scholarship for that semester. This action will require a majority vote of the ASUW Steering Committee.
 - a. If such a decision is made for the Fall Semester, it would not automatically preclude that Senator from receiving any portion the scholarship they are eligible for in the Spring Semester.
- C. If a Senator resigns or is removed from office in any way, they will be ineligible to receive any forthcoming scholarship money.
 - a. A Senator who resigns or is removed from office in the Spring Semester will not liable for repayment of any of the scholarship awarded in the preceding Fall Semester.

Review

- A. This trial shall be in effect until the end of Fiscal Year 2019. This trial shall not continue, in any form, without further legislative action of the ASUW Student Senate.
- B. This Program may be terminated at any time through legislative action of the ASUW Student Senate.
- C. The ASUW Steering Committee shall be responsible for the constant review and assessment of this Program.
 - a. The ASUW Steering Committee shall make semester reports as to the status of the scholarships, thoughts on the efficacy, and overall value of the Program.
 - b. The ASUW Steering Committee shall also be charged with exploring possible methods of funding this Program, mandatory student fee dollars shall not be a possible method of funding a full Senatorial Scholarship program.
- D. The ASUW Steering Committee shall submit an end-of-the-year report, prior to the new Fiscal Year Budget legislation on the outcomes of the Program and whether it assisted in attaining the Mission of the ASUW Student Government.
- E. With review and continuation available under the ASUW Student Government 106th administration.