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SENATE BILL #3095

TITLE: **Introducing an ASUW Scholarship Policy**

DATE INTRODUCED: **02/27/2026**

AUTHOR: **Chief of Legislative Affairs Heffley**

SPONSORS: **Program and Institutional Development Committee**

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, one of the ways the ASUW serves students is by providing scholarships
4. through endowed funds; and,
5. WHEREAS, the process for awarding scholarships is currently vague and inconsistent;
6. and,
7. WHEREAS, based on conversations with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
8. and the Office of Student Affairs, it was deemed appropriate to codify processes and best
9. practices for scholarship allocation to protect the ASUW's ability to provide scholarship
10. grants to students.
11. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
12. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Scholarship Policy be put into effect
13. immediately upon passage of this legislation.

Referred to: _____PID & Scholarship Ad-Hoc _____

Date of Passage:_____3/10/2026_____ **Signed:**_____Aidan McGuire_____
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on ___3/20/2026____**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this**

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Senate action." _____

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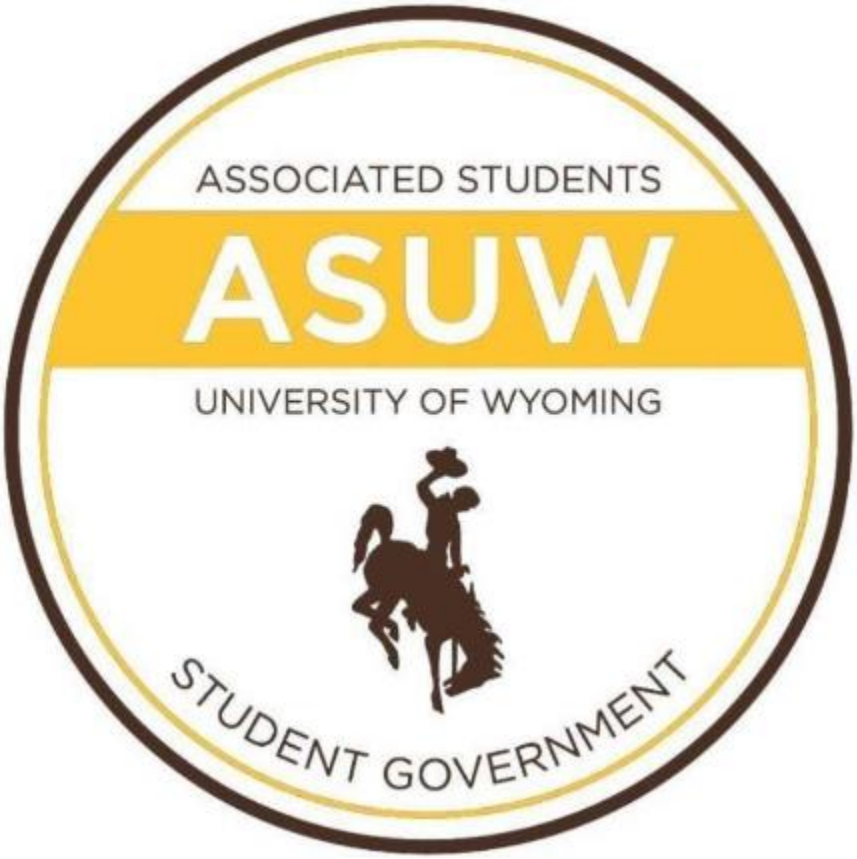
Addendum A

Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

Scholarship Policy



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Preamble

We, as the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW), in accordance with the ASUW Constitution, ASUW By-Laws and other recognized University Regulations, establish the following ASUW Scholarship Policy to govern the allocation of ASUW scholarship awards to qualified students at the University of Wyoming. The ASUW holds multiple scholarship endowments that total tens of thousands of dollars to give back to students that demonstrate qualification and/or need. This policy has been crafted to codify best practices for the ASUW to best serve students through our endowed scholarships and to protect the ASUW's ability to oversee and award scholarships from our endowments.

Article 1. General Scholarship Timeline

1. The University-wide scholarship application process opens in November and closes in March. Therefore, ASUW scholarship procedures shall begin in February to be prepared to disperse awards as soon as possible.
2. During the ASUW Budget session, ASUW Professional Staff and the Chief of Legislative Affairs will compile a scholarship budget based on amounts available in the ASUW Endowment accounts. These amounts will need to be approved by the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee and the ASUW Senate before scholarships can be awarded.
3. The ASUW Professional Staff and the Chief of Legislative Affairs will organize scholarship committees and will have committee composition finalized at least two (2) weeks before the University-wide scholarship deadline. All committees will need to meet at least once before the scholarship deadline to review the mission of the scholarship, available funding, and review methods.
4. Within two (2) weeks of the scholarship application closing, all committees will need to meet to determine final award candidates and relay this information to the ASUW Professional Staff. The ASUW Professional Staff shall disperse funding and notify the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office that awards have been distributed.

Article 2. General Scholarship Guidelines

1. Members of the ASUW are not allowed to apply for ASUW-funded scholarships. Any applications made by members of the ASUW will not be considered.
2. Scholarships should be awarded in a non-biased fashion, and all identifying information shall be removed from applications by the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office prior to committee review.
    a. If a member of the committee is wary of being biased or is deemed to be biased in reviewing applications, they may be recused from the scholarship review process by the chairperson of the committee.

   b. Applications for the Charlotte Hearne Davis First-Year Senate Scholarship will not have redacted information due to needing to verify applicant participation in First-Year Senate.
3. Each committee shall review scholarship language and requirements before reviewing applications. The committee shall create a guide for scoring applications based on unique scholarship language and required application materials during the first committee meeting.
4. The number of awardees and the dollar amounts of scholarships given are at the discretion of the committee based on available funding from the endowment account and the number of qualified applicants.
5. Good faith efforts shall be made to ensure all scholarship committees have all members listed in this policy to ensure that ASUW is best reflecting the intent of the endowed funds.

Article 3. Scholarship Committees

Section 3.01 ASUW Childcare Assistance Scholarship

1. Scholarship Language: Funding shall be used to provide financial support to UW students with dependents. Applicants must be a full-time, fee-paying student responsible for a dependent.
2. Committee Composition: The committee shall be comprised of an appropriate ASUW Executive as the chairperson, two (2) ASUW Senators, one (1) First-Year Senator, one (1) Student-at-Large, one (1) non-traditional student, a Dean of Students designee, and the ASUW Advisor.

Section 3.02 Service-Learning Exchange Scholarship

1. Scholarship Language: Funding shall be used to provide financial support to students at the University of Wyoming participating in service-learning exchanges that foster volunteerism, leadership development, and create well-rounded students. Any applicant must have participated in a service-learning trip within the past year or for the upcoming spring or summer break.
2. Committee Composition: The committee shall be comprised of the Chief of Legislative Affairs as the chairperson, two (2) ASUW Senators, the ASUW President or designee, an ASUW Executive, the administrator responsible for service learning, and the ASUW Advisor.

Section 3.03 ASUW Leadership Scholarship (UW Students)

1. Scholarship Language: Funding shall be used to provide scholarship grants to UW students who have a minimum cumulative UW GPA of 3.0 and are active members of the campus and community, have demonstrated leadership skills, and have plans to continue their leadership. Applicants must be a current student at the University, demonstrate participation in athletics, student organizations, student government, community service,

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and/or other student leadership. Per the endowment agreement, applicants must provide a written resume and essay describing involvement.

2. Committee Composition: The committee shall be comprised of an appropriate ASUW Executive appointed by the ASUW President as the chairperson, the ASUW President or designee, the ASUW Vice President, an ASUW Executive, the ASUW Accountant, the Assistant Dean of Students or designee, and one (1) student-at-large.

Section 3.04 ASUW Leadership Scholarship (High School Students)

1. Scholarship Language: Funding shall be used to provide scholarship grants to high school students committed to the University of Wyoming who have a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.5 and are active members of their school and community, have demonstrated leadership skills, and have plans to continue their leadership while at UW. Applicants must be a graduating high school the year they apply for the scholarship and plan to enroll at UW, demonstrate participation in athletics, student organizations, student government, community service, and/or other student leadership. Per the endowment agreement, applicants must provide a written resume and essay describing involvement.
2. Committee Composition: The committee shall be comprised of an appropriate ASUW Executive appointed by the ASUW President as the chairperson, the ASUW President or designee, the ASUW Vice President, an ASUW Executive, the ASUW Accountant, the Assistant Dean of Students or designee, and one (1) student-at-large.

Section 3.05 Charlotte Hearne Davis First-Year Senate Scholarship

1. Scholarship Language: Funding shall be used to provide scholarship grants to students who were members of the First-Year Senate. Applicants must demonstrate dedication to and involvement in the First-Year Senate.
2. Committee Composition: The committee shall be comprised of the First-Year Senate advisor as the chairperson, the chair of the Programs and Institutional Development Committee, one (1) ASUW Senator, a designee from the Office of Student Affairs, and the ASUW Advisor.

Section 3.06 Charlotte Hearne Davis Leadership Scholarship

1. Scholarship Language: Funding shall be used to provide scholarship grants to students enrolled at the University of Wyoming who show excellence in leadership and academics.
2. Committee Composition: The committee shall be comprised of the ASUW Vice President as the chairperson, the ASUW President, the First-Year Senate Presiding Officer, a designee from the Office of Student Affairs, a representative from College Panhellenic Council, and a representative from the Mortar Board.

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Article 4 Revisions and Adoptions

Section 4.01 Revisions and Adoptions

1. All revisions and amendments to this policy shall facilitate and reflect the intent of the scholarship endowment agreements and cannot be in violation or opposition to those agreements.
2. The ASUW Scholarship Policy may be revised through legislation that requires a two-thirds (2/3) standing vote of the ASW Senate.