

SENATE RESOLUTION #3067

TITLE: **A Resolution Encouraging the Wyoming State Legislature to Expand the Hathaway Scholarship Program**

DATE INTRODUCED: **10/31/2025**

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SPONSORS: **Hathaway Expansion Ad-Hoc Committee; Senators Cooper, Golden, Hansen, Kaiser, and Smith; Students-at-large Chaudhari, Ketterling, Mahoney, McIlwaine, Roesler, Searfoss, and Soe; United Multicultural Council, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Energy and Natural Resources Club, Chi Sigma, John Burman Student Government, Intra Fraternity Council, and Sustainability Coalition**

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, the Hathaway Scholarship Program (Hathaway) is a program that rewards
4. eligible Wyoming students with scholarship money to further their education; and,
5. WHEREAS, the Hathaway has been a critical program in making college affordable and
6. accessible for students in Wyoming; and,
7. WHEREAS, the Hathaway is a successful program with 2,050 students utilizing funds in
8. the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic year (Addendum A); and,
9. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming passed Senate
10. Resolution #2129 in 2005 supporting the initial passage of the Hathaway Scholarship
11. Program; and,
12. WHEREAS, Senate Resolution #2129 recognized the economic and social development
13. benefits of higher education in the state of Wyoming (Addendum B); and,

14. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming still believes that
15. greater accessibility to a higher education is essential for the development of the State of
16. Wyoming; and,
17. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming is below its recruiting quotas; and,
18. WHEREAS, there has been significant erosion in the performance-based incentives
19. provided by the program and in the accessibility of higher education due to the critical
20. role the Hathaway plays in affordability for many students across the state; and,
21. WHEREAS, the Honors Tier of the Hathaway Scholarship Program covered 91% of
22. University of Wyoming (UW) tuition and fees for the 2006-2007 academic year, and
23. now only covers 41% of tuition and fees for the 2025-2026 academic year (Addendum
24. C); and,
25. WHEREAS, in the 2006-2007 academic year, the Honors Tier of the Hathaway
26. Program covered over 150% of tuition and fees at Wyoming community colleges, and
27. now only covers around 70% of tuition and fees, depending on the Wyoming
28. Community College (Addendum C); and,
29. WHEREAS, the program was intended to motivate high school students to pursue the
30. highest level of the merit-based award by providing powerful financial incentives for
31. exceptional academic performance; and,
32. WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 16 of the Wyoming Constitution asserts that “The
33. university shall...be as nearly free as possible;” and,
34. ~~WHEREAS, the Hathaway Program is not providing cost effective education to students~~
35. ~~attending the University of Wyoming and Wyoming Community Colleges.~~
36. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

37. (ASUW) Student Government that ASUW believes it is in the interest of the Wyoming
38. State Legislature to take the necessary actions to expand the Hathaway scholarship at all
39. levels in line with the initial bills' intended level of support and financial incentives;
40. and,
41. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW supports necessary changes to be made
42. ~~so that the Honors Tier of the Hathaway Scholarship covers 100% of University of~~
43. ~~Wyoming tuition and fees,~~ where understanding that any expansion will be beneficial
44. given cash flow available; and,
45. THEREFORE, to ensure that the expansion of Hathaway is as beneficial to all Wyoming
46. students as possible, ASUW supports the implementation of more fair and equitable
47. selection criteria for Hathaway, as well as attempts to increase flexibility so that students
48. can use their funds as would best support their educational prospects; and,
49. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage, the relevant ASUW officials
50. coordinate an effort to represent the concerns of the students of the University of
51. Wyoming at the 2025-2026 Budget Session of the Wyoming State Legislature; and,
52. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage of this resolution, copies of this
53. resolution be provided to the President of the University of Wyoming, the Governor of
54. Wyoming, State Superintendent Degenfelder, all members of the Wyoming State
55. Legislature, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, and community colleges and
56. high school partners who would benefit from Hathaway expansion.

Referred to: Steering, SWAC, TASFRC, & Hathaway Ad-Hoc

Date of
Passage: _____ **Signed:** _____
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this

Senate action.” _____

ASUW President

Addendum A

WDE 5/28/2025 Memo to Joint Education Committee

Hathaway New Enrollment (All Institutions)

The below chart illustrates the number of new Hathaway students who have initiated the scholarship each year since the 2019-20 school year.

	Provisional Level Students	Opportunity Level Students	Performance Level Students	Honors Level Students	Total Number of Students
2023-24	412	348	676	614	2,050
2022-23	438	382	674	556	2,050

Addendum B

SENATE RESOLUTION #2129

Title: **A resolution encouraging the Wyoming State Legislature to implement the Hathaway Scholarship Program for the 2006-2007 Academic Year**

Date: **November 30, 2005**

Authors: **Executive Jordan**

Sponsors: **Senators Berry, Chollak, Cochran, Granum, Kinner, Lawson, McConnaughey, McDonald, Sanders, and Waite**

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. recognizes that access to an affordable college education is an important
3. concern for the students of the University of Wyoming; and
4. WHEREAS, the Hathaway Scholarship Program will make higher education
5. in the State of Wyoming more affordable for Wyoming high school graduates;
6. and
7. WHEREAS, the Hathaway Scholarship Program will provide students in the
8. State of Wyoming greater accessibility to higher education; and
9. WHEREAS, the Hathaway Scholarship Program is a firm investment in the
10. students of the State of Wyoming; and
11. WHEREAS, the early implementation of the Hathaway Scholarship Program
12. is critical for attracting students to Wyoming institutions of higher education
13. in years of decreasing enrollment and increasing student debt burdens; and
14. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming believes
15. that greater accessibility to a higher education is essential for the economic
16. and social development of the State of Wyoming.
17. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students

18. of the University of Wyoming that ASUW supports efforts by the Wyoming
19. State Legislature to take the necessary actions to implement the Hathaway
20. Scholarship Program for the 2006-2007 academic year; and
21. THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated
22. Students of the University of Wyoming that ASUW supports specific action
23. by the legislature to fund the Hathaway Scholarship Endowment beyond the
24. \$400 million threshold and provide for the 2006 initiation of the Hathaway
25. Scholarship Program through methods that include-

26. 1) the appropriations of \$225 million in transfers from School Foundation
27. Fund revenues for the Hathaway Scholarship Endowment; and
28. 2) the appropriations of \$13.5 million in general funding for the 2006-
29. 2007 implementation of the Hathaway Scholarship Program; and
30. 3) the appropriation of the estimated administrative costs of \$281
31. thousand to the Wyoming Department of Education for costs
32. associated with the implementation of the Hathaway Scholarship
33. Program; and

34. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage, the ASUW Director
35. of Legislative Affairs, in coordination with the proper ASUW officials, be
36. responsible for representing the concerns of the students of the University
37. of Wyoming at the 2006 Budget Session of the Wyoming State
38. Legislature; and
39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage, copies of this
40. resolution be provided to the President of the University of Wyoming, the

41. Governor of Wyoming, interested members of the Wyoming State
42. Legislature, and members of the University Board of Trustees.

Referred to: Student Issues Committee

Date of Passage: January 10, 2006 Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on January 12, 2006, I do hereby sign my name

hereto and approve this Senate action."

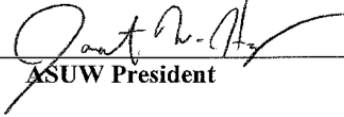

ASUW President

Table 2. Honors Scholarship: Post-Secondary Tuition and Fees Change and Value of Scholarship.

<u>HONORS SCHOLARSHIP</u>				AY 2006-07 (\$3,200 Scholarship)		AY 2025-26 (\$3,360 Scholarship)	
Post-Secondary Institution	Tuition & Fees 2006-07	Tuition and Fees 2025-26	Percent Increase	Dollar Difference	Percent of Tuition & Fees Covered	Dollar Difference	Percent of Tuition & Fees Covered
UW	\$3,515	\$8,246	134.6%	(\$315)	91.04%	(\$4,886)	40.75%
CC	\$1,584	\$4,410	178.4%	\$1,616	202.02%	(\$1,050)	76.19%
CWC	\$1,920	\$4,935	157.0%	\$1,280	166.67%	(\$1,575)	68.09%
EWC	\$1,800	\$4,470	148.3%	\$1,400	177.78%	(\$1,110)	75.17%
GC	\$1,896	\$4,830	154.7%	\$1,304	168.78%	(\$1,470)	69.57%
LCCC	\$2,004	\$4,612	130.1%	\$1,196	159.68%	(\$1,252)	72.85%
NWC	\$1,928	\$4,936	156.0%	\$1,272	165.98%	(\$1,576)	68.07%
NWCCD	\$1,896	\$4,830	154.7%	\$1,304	168.78%	(\$1,470)	69.57%
WWCC	\$1,720	\$4,710	173.8%	\$1,480	186.05%	(\$1,350)	71.34%

Source: LSO staff summary of University of Wyoming and Wyoming Community College data.

Note: CC (Casper College); CWC (Central Wyoming College); EWC (Eastern Wyoming College); GC (Gillette College formerly of Northern Wyoming Community College District); LCCC (Laramie County Community College); NWC (Northwest College); NWCCD (Northern Wyoming Community College District); WWCC (Western Wyoming Community College); UW (University of Wyoming).