



**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, Inter 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,

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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 cost of tuition and fees at the University of Wyoming increases each  
18. year (Addendum D); and,  
19. WHEREAS, there has been significant erosion in the performance-based incentives  
20. provided by the program and in the accessibility of higher education due to the critical  
21. role the Hathaway plays in affordability for many students across the state; and,  
22. WHEREAS, the Honors Tier of the Hathaway Scholarship Program covered 91% of  
23. University of Wyoming (UW) tuition and fees for the 2006-2007 academic year, and  
24. now only covers 41% of tuition and fees for the 2025-2026 academic year (Addendum  
25. C); and,  
26. WHEREAS, in the 2006-2007 academic year, the Honors Tier of the Hathaway  
27. Program covered over 150% of tuition and fees at Wyoming community colleges, and  
28. now only covers around 70% of tuition and fees, depending on the Wyoming  
29. Community College (Addendum C); and,  
30. WHEREAS, the program was intended to motivate high school students to pursue the  
31. highest level of the merit-based award by providing powerful financial incentives for  
32. exceptional academic performance; and,  
33. WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 16 of the Wyoming Constitution asserts that “The  
34. university shall...be as nearly free as possible.”  
35. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming  
36. (ASUW) Student Government that ASUW believes it is in the interest of the Wyoming

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

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

**Date of**  
**Passage:** November 11, 2025      **Signed:** Aidan McGuire  
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on** November 11, 2025 **, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this**  
**Senate action.”** Paula Medina

**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.

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

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## **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

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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

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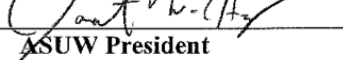
41. Governor of Wyoming, interested members of the Wyoming State
42. Legislature, and members of the University Board of Trustees.

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



LSO 8/5/2025 Fact Sheet

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

<b><u>HONORS SCHOLARSHIP</u></b>				<b>AY 2006-07 (\$3,200 Scholarship)</b>		<b>AY 2025-26 (\$3,360 Scholarship)</b>	
<b>Post-Secondary Institution</b>	<b>Tuition &amp; Fees 2006-07</b>	<b>Tuition and Fees 2025-26</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>	<b>Dollar Difference</b>	<b>Percent of Tuition &amp; Fees Covered</b>	<b>Dollar Difference</b>	<b>Percent of Tuition &amp; Fees Covered</b>
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).

## Addendum D

### University of Wyoming Office of Institutional Analysis

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#### University of Wyoming Tuition and Fee Changes Over Time

Undergraduate Resident:						Undergraduate Non-Resident:					
Academic Year	Tuition	% Change	Fees	Tuition & Fees	% Change	Academic Year	Tuition	% Change	Fees	Tuition & Fees	% Change
2013-14	\$ 3,240	1.9%	\$ 1,164	\$ 4,404	3.0%	2013-14	\$ 12,960	4.6%	\$ 1,164	\$ 14,124	4.7%
2014-15	\$ 3,390	4.6%	\$ 1,256	\$ 4,646	5.5%	2014-15	\$ 13,620	5.1%	\$ 1,256	\$ 14,876	5.3%
2015-16	\$ 3,570	5.3%	\$ 1,322	\$ 4,892	5.3%	2015-16	\$ 14,310	5.1%	\$ 1,322	\$ 15,632	5.1%
2016-17	\$ 3,720	4.2%	\$ 1,335	\$ 5,055	3.3%	2016-17	\$ 14,880	4.0%	\$ 1,335	\$ 16,215	3.7%
2017-18	\$ 3,870	4.0%	\$ 1,347	\$ 5,217	3.2%	2017-18	\$ 15,480	4.0%	\$ 1,347	\$ 16,827	3.8%
2018-19	\$ 4,020	3.9%	\$ 1,380	\$ 5,400	3.5%	2018-19	\$ 16,110	4.1%	\$ 1,380	\$ 17,490	3.9%
2019-20	\$ 4,170	3.7%	\$ 1,411	\$ 5,581	3.4%	2019-20	\$ 16,740	3.9%	\$ 1,411	\$ 18,151	3.8%
2020-21	\$ 4,350	4.3%	\$ 1,441	\$ 5,791	3.8%	2020-21	\$ 18,090	8.1%	\$ 1,441	\$ 19,531	7.6%
2021-22	\$ 4,620	6.2%	\$ 1,657	\$ 6,277	8.4%	2021-22	\$ 19,170	6.0%	\$ 1,657	\$ 20,827	6.6%
2022-23	\$ 4,800	3.9%	\$ 1,821	\$ 6,621	5.5%	2022-23	\$ 19,950	4.1%	\$ 1,821	\$ 21,771	4.5%
5-Year Change	19.4%			22.6%		5-Year Change	23.8%			24.5%	
10-Year Change	48.1%			50.3%		10-Year Change	53.9%			54.1%	

Graduate Resident:						Graduate Non-Resident:					
Academic Year	Tuition	% Change	Fees	Tuition & Fees	% Change	Academic Year	Tuition	% Change	Fees	Tuition & Fees	% Change
2013-14	\$ 5,040	1.9%	\$ 1,164	\$ 6,204	2.7%	2013-14	\$ 15,096	4.5%	\$ 1,164	\$ 16,260	4.6%
2014-15	\$ 5,304	5.2%	\$ 1,256	\$ 6,560	5.7%	2014-15	\$ 15,840	4.9%	\$ 1,256	\$ 17,096	5.1%
2015-16	\$ 5,568	5.0%	\$ 1,322	\$ 6,890	5.0%	2015-16	\$ 16,632	5.0%	\$ 1,322	\$ 17,954	5.0%
2016-17	\$ 5,784	3.9%	\$ 1,335	\$ 7,119	3.3%	2016-17	\$ 17,304	4.0%	\$ 1,335	\$ 18,639	3.8%
2017-18	\$ 6,024	4.1%	\$ 1,347	\$ 7,371	3.6%	2017-18	\$ 18,000	4.0%	\$ 1,347	\$ 19,347	3.8%
2018-19	\$ 6,264	4.0%	\$ 1,380	\$ 7,644	3.7%	2018-19	\$ 18,720	4.0%	\$ 1,380	\$ 20,100	3.9%
2019-20	\$ 6,504	3.8%	\$ 1,411	\$ 7,915	3.6%	2019-20	\$ 19,464	4.0%	\$ 1,411	\$ 20,875	3.9%
2020-21	\$ 6,768	4.1%	\$ 1,441	\$ 8,209	3.7%	2020-21	\$ 20,232	3.9%	\$ 1,441	\$ 21,673	3.8%
2021-22	\$ 7,176	6.0%	\$ 1,477	\$ 8,653	5.4%	2021-22	\$ 21,456	6.0%	\$ 1,477	\$ 22,933	5.8%
2022-23	\$ 7,464	4.0%	\$ 1,584	\$ 9,048	4.6%	2022-23	\$ 22,320	4.0%	\$ 1,584	\$ 23,904	4.2%
5-Year Change	19.2%			18.4%		5-Year Change	19.2%			18.9%	
10-Year Change	48.1%			45.8%		10-Year Change	47.9%			47.0%	

NOTE: The tuition rates used are based on 30 hours for undergraduates and 24 hours for graduates.

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