



SENATE BILL #2821

TITLE: Codification of Guidelines for the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship

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AUTHOR: Senator Swilling

SPONSORS: The ASUW Budget and Planning Committee and President Brown

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, distance students are charged an ASUW fee of
4. WHEREAS, now that distance students are ASUW fee-paying students, it is especially
5. important to ensure they are represented and involved with the ASUW, and to ensure that
6. ASUW services are accessible to them; and,
7. WHEREAS, the ASUW has previously expressed our support for the involvement of
8. distance students, specifically with the passage of Senate Bill #2792: Affirming that Distance
9. Students Can Run for ASUW Senate; and,
10. WHEREAS, with the passage of the ASUW Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, the ASUW Senate
11. approved the creation of the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship, funded out of our
12. student fees, at the amount of \$5,000; and,
13. WHEREAS, despite this scholarship being created, there are currently no guidelines in
14. place to inform how it should be awarded; and,
15. WHEREAS, it is important to have this in place to ensure transparent and effective
16. distribution of our scholarship funds.
17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
18. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship shall be

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- 19. distributed in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Addendum A for the duration of
- 20. the time the scholarship is awarded.

Referred to: Budget and Planning; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy

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

The ASUW Student Government shall optionally maintain a scholarship for the purpose of providing funds to distance students, as defined by the UW Office of Distance Student Support, who attend the University of Wyoming.

- o The scholarship committee will be comprised of:
 - The ASUW Executive tasked with supporting diverse or historically marginalized students, as determined by the ASUW President (chair)
 - A designee from the Office of Distance Student Support
 - The ASUW President (or designee)
 - A UW distance student-at-large
 - At least two ASUW Senators-at-Large
 - The ASUW Advisor (or designee)
- o The recipient shall be judged, in part, by a 300 to 500-word essay written on a topic chosen by the above committee annually.
- o The monetary award of the scholarship will be determined by the above scholarship Committee each academic year. Awards will be granted up to, but not exceeding, the budgeted line-item for the scholarship.
- o Students must be in good academic standing with the University of Wyoming.