

**FRESHMAN SENATE Bill #29**

**TITLE: Establishment of the Freshman Senate Textbook Scholarship**

**DATE: 1/15/14**

**AUTHOR: Senator Ryan**

**SPONSORS: Senators Hanson, Hernandez, Kristy, Lotfy, Miner, Portz.**



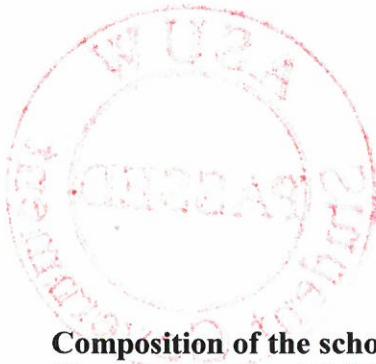
1. WHEREAS, the Freshman Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) was established for the purpose of advocating for and benefiting the Freshman Class, and;
3. WHEREAS, the Freshman Senate of the ASUW has been seeking positive ways to raise awareness
4. of the program , and;
5. WHEREAS, the price of textbooks at The University of Wyoming and at universities around the
6. nation continue to rise.
7. THEREFORE, be it enacted that the Freshman Senate of the Associated Students of the University of
8. Wyoming create a scholarship for five (5) fulltime students who are freshman at University of
9. Wyoming, not currently members of Freshman Senate, for the purpose of purchasing textbooks and
10. school supplies, and;
11. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the Scholarship be created in accordance with the procedures
12. outlined in Addendums A and B.

**Referred to:** Programming

**Date of Passage:** 1/28/14

**"Being enacted on** 02/04/14**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**  
**approve this Senate action."** David Kunkle

**Freshman Senate Presiding Officer**



### **Addendum A**

#### **Composition of the scholarship:**

There shall be five (5) \$200 scholarships allotted each fiscal year.

#### **Paying for the Scholarship:**

In order to implement the scholarship for FY'14, the current budget realignment will be requested from the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee as follows:

- \$500 will be requested from the "Special Services Contracts" Budget, which contains *Programming* with \$2000, and realigned into *Awards*.

For all subsequent years, to keep the scholarship sustained the Budget Proposal for FY'15 (and subsequent fiscal years) shall contain an additional \$500 be added to the annual allowance to Freshman Senate from the Associate Students of the University of Wyoming budget. This additional allowance would give Freshman Senate not only the resources to continue to award the scholarship year to year, but give the following senates the same Programming power that the current Senate enjoys.

The \$500 contributed by the Freshman Senate shall be matched by the office of the Student Affairs office, though cooperation with Vice President of Student Affairs Sara Axelson. Thus bringing each scholarship to \$200. Vice President Axelson has offered to match the scholarship through the discretionary funds of her department for as long as the scholarship is offered.

#### **Awarding of Payment:**

The \$200 shall be moved into the recipient student's Wyo-One card account, which only allows the funds to be spent at University locations.

## **Addendum B:**

### **Scholarship Committee:**

A committee for the selection of recipients of the Freshman Senate Textbook Scholarship shall be established consisting of The Freshman Senate Presiding Officer, who shall serve as the chair of the committee, The Parliamentarian, and all Freshman Senate committee chairs with guidance by the Freshman Senate Staff Advisor.

The Committee shall meet before the winter recess to discuss the variable terms of the Scholarship. All subsequent meeting dates are up to the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

For FY '14, the committee would meet as close to the date of the bills passing and proceed from there normally.

All members of the selection Committee shall have equal say in the decision.

### **Application Requirements of the scholarship:**

1. Applicants and recipients must be full time students at The University of Wyoming and of Freshman Standing (Fewer than 30 credits)
2. The recipients must have a Minimum Cumulative UW GPA of 3.0.
3. The recipients must be a full-time fee paying student in the academic semester following their award.
4. Applicants must not be members of the ASUW Freshman Senate.

### **Application Process:**

1. The window for applying shall open on the first academic day of the Spring Semester. The application window shall be open for twenty (20) business days unless otherwise designated by the selection committee.
2. The application is open to all students who meet the requirements, and the scholarship must be advertised in a form deemed acceptable by the committee.
3. The recipients shall be judged, in part, by the qualifications they provide in a written résumé of community and campus involvement, awards, employment, etc.
4. The recipients shall also be judged, in part, by a 300-500 word essay written on a topic, chosen by the Presiding Officer and Freshman Senate Staff advisor, that applies to the applicant's experience and involvement at UW.

5. The recipients shall also be judged, in part by, and submit an official college transcript used as confirmation of enrollment status, and demonstration of rigor of involvement through course work.

**Presentation:**

1. The Scholarships shall be awarded through payment to the recipients in their Wyo-One card account. (See Addendum A).
2. The Scholarships shall be presented at a time and place as selected by the selection committee.