

# **UW REGULATION 8–253**

## **Superior Student in Education Scholarship Program**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish a policy for administration of the Superior Student in Education Scholarship program authorized by Wyoming Statutes and the Board of Trustees, and to encourage students to pursue teaching careers in Wyoming.

### **II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Superior Student in Education Scholarship Program was created by Wyoming Statute 21-17-114, which authorizes the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming to establish and promulgate the rules for a scholarship fund to encourage Wyoming students demonstrating superior academic achievement to pursue careers in teaching.

### **III. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- A.** Each year the Board of Trustees (or designee) may award Scholarships to sixteen (16) Wyoming high school graduates of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each semester at the University or any Wyoming community college, who major in a teacher preparation program.
- B.** No student shall be awarded a Scholarship under this program to attend more than ten (10) semesters of which no more than five (5) semesters shall be at a community college.
- C.** The Scholarship shall be in addition to any Hathaway merit scholarship awarded to the student.

### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

- A.** “College” means the University of Wyoming’s College of Education.
- B.** “Program” means the Superior Student in Education Scholarship Program.
- C.** “Scholarship” means the Superior Student in Education Scholarship authorized by Wyoming Statute 21-17-114.
- D.** “Student” means an individual recipient of a Scholarship under this Program.
- E.** “Teacher preparation program” means a University of Wyoming College of Education Teacher Education Program, a teacher preparation program in another University of Wyoming college approved by the College, or a Wyoming community college curriculum or set of courses which the College will accept for transfer into its teacher preparation program.

## **V. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- A.** The applicant must meet the following criteria:
  - 1.** Applicant or applicant's mother, father or lawful guardian is a resident of Wyoming and has been a resident of Wyoming for at least five (5) years;
  - 2.** Applicant has a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or a minimum university/community college GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;
  - 3.** Applicant has a minimum composite score of 25 on the ACT or a minimum score of 1120 on the SAT (verbal + math); and
  - 4.** Applicant is a Wyoming high school graduate.
- B.** The selection committee may consider other factors, including courses completed, participation in extracurricular activities, and the applicant's responses to prepared questions. In an effort to encourage diversity in the field of education, special consideration will be given to applicants representing diverse backgrounds.

## **VI. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications for the Scholarship are accepted annually and must be received by the first Friday in September. Application forms and instructions are distributed by the College of Educations' Office of Teacher Education.

Each year, the College of Education shall notify University and community college students of the availability of the Scholarship and the deadlines for application.

## **VII. SELECTION PROCESS**

- A.** Scholarship recipients are selected by a committee of the College faculty named by the Dean of the College.
- B.** Scholarships shall be made pursuant to criteria set forth in Section V, regardless of an applicant's intended teaching specialty.

## **VIII. ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM AFTER STARTING COLLEGE**

- A.** A student transferring to the University from a community college is eligible to apply for a Scholarship if he/she enters into a teacher preparation program.
- B.** A student currently enrolled at the university is eligible to apply for a Scholarship if he/she enrolls in a teacher preparation program.

## **IX. STUDENT OBLIGATIONS**

The student must enroll and remain enrolled as a full-time student in a teacher preparation program at the University or a Wyoming community college.

- A.** The student must enroll and remain enrolled as a full-time student in a teacher preparation program at the University or a Wyoming community college.
- B.** The student must complete all required University forms and documents associated with this Program.
- C.** The student must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75. Failure to maintain the required cumulative GPA is grounds for denial of a Scholarship for a succeeding term. The student may be eligible for the Scholarship in a subsequent term if the student re-establishes a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and the student remains a full-time student enrolled in a teacher preparation program. Any temporary withdrawal of the Scholarship is counted as a semester of use. The student, if enrolled, is responsible for paying all charges assessed by the institution during the temporary Scholarship withdrawal period. A student who does not fulfill all requirements may be granted a probationary semester upon successful appeal to the College.
- D.** The Student must be enrolled in a teacher preparation program.
- E.** The student shall advise the College within fifteen (15) days of the following:
  - 1.** Any action or circumstance that causes the student to discontinue pursuing a teaching career; or
  - 2.** The student receives a grade point average that is below the minimum.

## **X. UNIVERSITY OBLIGATIONS**

- A.** The University shall disburse Scholarship funds to the student for each semester in which the selected student is eligible under these rules.
- B.** Each semester, the College shall submit written notification to the Office of Student Financial Aid of the name and Social Security number of each student who has been awarded a Scholarship. The Office of Student Financial Aid shall credit the Scholarship funds to the student's account at UW or shall reimburse the Wyoming community college for Scholarship funds advanced to the student by the community college.

## **XI. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

- A.** A student may defer using the Scholarship for a semester or more while remaining enrolled, with written notification to the College. If a student defers

the Scholarship for a given semester, but continues to enroll in the College, the student must maintain the minimum GPA to remain eligible to use the Scholarship for future terms.

- B.** If a student voluntarily suspends his/her enrollment in the teacher preparation program, the student must receive written approval in advance from the College to continue in the Scholarship Program upon the student's return to the teacher preparation program.

## **XII. APPEAL OF DECISIONS**

A student may appeal a decisions made by the College or the Office of Student Financial Aid through the appropriate appeals policies or procedures, as established the unit.

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