

STATE OF WYOMING GENERAL SESSION 2009

Chapter 204

PROVISIONAL OPPORTUNITY HATHAWAY SCHOLARSHIP

Original House Bill No. 174

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway student scholarship program; providing for a provisional opportunity scholarship in lieu of the career scholarship; extending scholarship use as specified; specifying application of scholarship modification; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 21-16-1305(a)(intro) and (iii), 21-16-1307(e)(intro) and 21-16-1308(b)(iv)(C)(I) are amended to read:

21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity scholarships.

(a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway ~~career~~ provisional opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree as follows:

(iii) A student who receives a scholarship under paragraph (i) of this subsection and who earns a certificate from the community college with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 may ~~receive an additional extend the provisional opportunity scholarship at a Wyoming community college to~~ receive an additional extend the provisional opportunity scholarship at a Wyoming community college to pursue either a certificate or a degree at a Wyoming community college or if the student earns a degree from the community college with a minimum GPA of 2.25, may extend the scholarship to pursue a degree at the University of Wyoming if the student maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 and otherwise remains eligible for a scholarship under this article. The scholarship under this paragraph shall be for the same amounts and subject to the same limitations as provided for scholarships under paragraph (a) (i) of this section, except that the student may pursue either an additional certificate or a degree and the student may use this scholarship while attending a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.

(e) The success curriculum required to qualify for ~~career~~ provisional opportunity scholarship eligibility under this article for students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011 school year shall be the curriculum required for high school graduation under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii) subject to the following:

21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.

(b) The department shall, in consultation with University of Wyoming and community college admissions officers and financial aid officers and school districts, promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this article, including:

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(iv) Criteria and procedures under which students who receive a general educational development (GED) equivalency diploma can qualify for scholarships under this article. A student receiving a GED shall:

(C) If otherwise eligible, be eligible for a scholarship as follows:

(I) With a minimum GED standard score of 500, a scholarship at the same level and to the same extent as a Hathaway opportunity scholarship or ~~career~~ provisional opportunity scholarship;

Section 2.

(a) This act shall apply to scholarships available to eligible students graduating from high school in school year 2008-2009 and each school year thereafter.

(b) Any student receiving a career scholarship whose initial year of scholarship eligibility as determined under W.S. 21-16-1303(d) occurred prior to the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year shall, for the 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter for which the student maintains scholarship eligibility under W.S. 21-16-1301 through 21-16-1310, be entitled to receive the provisional opportunity scholarship in accordance with this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 13, 2009.