

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0277

Hathaway scholarship-application deadline extension.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Henderson, Northrup, Paxton
and Sommers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program;
2 extending the deadline to apply for the scholarship; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1303(b)(iii)(B) and
8 21-16-1308(b)(iv)(A) are amended to read:

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10 **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**
11 **requirements.**

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13 (b) Under the Hathaway scholarship program, subject
14 to availability of funds as determined by the legislature,
15 the state shall provide a scholarship pursuant to W.S.

1 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 to any student who has been
2 accepted by and enrolls in an eligible institution to
3 pursue a degree or certificate, and who meets the following
4 qualifications:

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6 (iii) The student has:

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8 (B) Applied for a scholarship under this
9 article within ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years of the date of high
10 school graduation, or is otherwise eligible under rules
11 promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1308(b)(iii) and (iv).
12 The department shall by rule and regulation establish
13 exceptions to the requirement of this subparagraph for
14 military service, religious service and other good cause
15 shown; and

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17 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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19 (b) The department shall, in consultation with
20 University of Wyoming and community college admissions
21 officers, the Wyoming community college commission and
22 financial aid officers and school districts, promulgate

1 rules and regulations necessary to implement this article,
2 including:

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4 (iv) Criteria and procedures under which
5 students who receive a high school equivalency certificate
6 can qualify for scholarships under this article. A student
7 receiving a high school equivalency certificate shall:

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9 (A) Receive the certificate and make
10 application for the initial scholarship no later than ~~two~~
11 ~~(2)~~ four (4) years after and no sooner than the graduation
12 date of the student's high school class, unless ordered by
13 a court to complete the requirements for the certificate
14 prior to that graduation date or for other good cause shown
15 as determined by the department. For purposes of making
16 application prior to the graduation date of the student's
17 class, "other good cause" shall include, but is not limited
18 to, a showing by the student that the student has been
19 emancipated under W.S. 14-1-201 through 14-1-206 or that
20 the student is a parent or a legal guardian of a minor. The
21 student shall have attended an eligible high school prior
22 to receiving his certificate and shall have received his
23 certificate while residing in Wyoming;

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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