

SENATE FILE NO. SF0015

Hathaway scholarship eligibility.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Statewide Education  
Accountability

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Hathaway Scholarship Program;  
2 replacing the American College Test requirements for  
3 scholarship eligibility; defining national percentile rank;  
4 defining minimum national percentile ranks for scholarship  
5 eligibility as specified; eliminating fully executed  
6 reporting requirements; specifying application; repealing a  
7 definition; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a) by creating a new  
12 paragraph (xx), 21-16-1303(b) (iii) (C),  
13 21-16-1304(a) (i) (intro), (ii) (intro) and (iii) (intro),  
14 21-16-1305(a) (i) (intro), 21-16-1307(g) and  
15 21-16-1308(b) (iii) (C) and (c) (vii) are amended to read:

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2           **21-16-1301. Definitions.**

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4           (a) As used in this article:

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6                   (xx) "National percentile rank" means the  
7 percentage of scores that fall at or below a given score on  
8 a standardized college entrance examination. For purposes  
9 of this article, the national percentile ranks are the  
10 foundation of an equi-percentile linking method, based on  
11 student performance in school year 2015-2016, to determine  
12 the scores required on a standardized college entrance  
13 examination for scholarship eligibility.

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15           **21-16-1303. Hathaway scholarship program; eligibility**  
16 **requirements.**

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18           (b) Under the Hathaway scholarship program, subject  
19 to availability of funds as determined by the legislature,  
20 the state shall provide a scholarship pursuant to W.S.  
21 21-16-1304 and 21-16-1305 to any student who has been  
22 accepted by and enrolls in an eligible institution to

1 pursue a degree or certificate, and who meets the following  
2 qualifications:

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4 (iii) The student has:

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6 (C) The minimum high school cumulative  
7 grade point average and minimum ~~composite ACT score, as~~  
8 determined through an equi-percentile linking method, on a  
9 college entrance examination administered throughout the  
10 United States and relied upon by institutions of higher  
11 education to determine acceptance of students for  
12 attendance or minimum cumulative WORKKEYS score specified  
13 under this article for the type of scholarship to be  
14 awarded.

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16 **21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and**  
17 **honor scholarships.**

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19 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.  
20 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a  
21 degree or certificate as follows:

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1           (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of  
2 2.50 and a ~~composite ACT score of at least nineteen (19)~~  
3 score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national  
4 percentile rank of forty-three (43) on a college entrance  
5 examination administered throughout the United States and  
6 relied upon by institutions of higher education to  
7 determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway  
8 opportunity scholarship for:

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10           (ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA  
11 of 3.0 and a ~~composite ACT score of at least twenty-one~~  
12 ~~(21)~~ score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national  
13 percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college entrance  
14 examination administered throughout the United States and  
15 relied upon by institutions of higher education to  
16 determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway  
17 performance scholarship for:

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19           (iii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA  
20 of 3.5 and a ~~composite ACT score of at least twenty-five~~  
21 ~~(25)~~ score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national  
22 percentile rank of seventy-nine (79) on an examination  
23 administered throughout the United States and relied upon

1 by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance  
2 of students for attendance, a Hathaway honor scholarship  
3 for:

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5 **21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity**  
6 **scholarships.**

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8 (a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S.  
9 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional  
10 opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree  
11 as follows:

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13 (i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of  
14 2.50 and either a ~~composite ACT score of at least seventeen~~  
15 ~~(17)~~ score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national  
16 percentile rank of thirty (30) on a college entrance  
17 examination administered throughout the United States and  
18 relied upon by institutions of higher education to  
19 determine acceptance of students for attendance or a  
20 cumulative score of at least twelve (12) points on applied  
21 math, reading for information and locating information on  
22 WORKKEYS tests, a scholarship for:

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1           **21-16-1307. Success curriculum; test standards.**

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3           (g) ~~Not later than October 1, 2007, October 1, 2008,~~  
4 ~~October 1, 2009, and by October 1~~ In each odd-numbered  
5 year, ~~thereafter,~~ the department, in consultation with the  
6 University of Wyoming, Wyoming community colleges and the  
7 community college commission, shall report to the governor  
8 and the joint education interim committee of the  
9 legislature on recommendations for modifications to the  
10 success curriculum requirements, minimum cumulative GPA and  
11 minimum ~~composite ACT~~ national percentile rank scores or  
12 minimum cumulative WORKKEYS scores contained in this  
13 article and recommendations for the adoption of statewide  
14 student assessment standards and scores to augment  
15 qualifying ~~ACT~~ national percentile rankings or WORKKEYS  
16 scores, all to ensure that the Hathaway scholarship program  
17 is designed to provide the desired incentives for students  
18 to pursue a rigorous curriculum and strive to achieve  
19 academic success. The report shall also include any  
20 additional resources which school districts, particularly  
21 those school districts granted exemptions for students  
22 under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section, may require to  
23 provide the success curriculum. The cumulative GPA

1 requirements for performance under the success curriculum  
2 shall not be restricted to those courses comprising the  
3 success curriculum, but shall be applied comprehensively to  
4 all courses included within each scholarship student's high  
5 school curriculum.

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7 **21-16-1308. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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

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16 (iii) Criteria and procedures under which  
17 students in a home-based educational program can qualify  
18 for scholarships under this article. A student in a  
19 home-based educational program:

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21 (C) Who is otherwise eligible and who  
22 achieves the requisite ~~composite ACT~~ minimum national  
23 percentile rank score or requisite cumulative WORKKEYS

1 score shall be eligible for the scholarships provided under  
2 this article at the same level and to the same extent as  
3 students graduating from eligible high schools.

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5 (c) The department shall establish annual reporting  
6 procedures for purposes of policy analysis and program  
7 evaluation and providing accurate data to the legislature  
8 and governor relative to the program's impact on the state  
9 and on students. In developing the annual reporting  
10 procedure the department shall consult with the University  
11 of Wyoming and community college financial aid officers and  
12 registrars or their designees. It is the intention of the  
13 legislature that the reporting system and the requirements  
14 thereof shall be applicable to all recipients of  
15 scholarships under this article. Compliance with this  
16 section shall be made a condition of receiving a  
17 scholarship under this article. For any student attending  
18 more than one (1) eligible institution, the home  
19 institution shall be responsible for data reporting for  
20 that student, and any other eligible institution shall  
21 cooperate as necessary with the home institution to fulfill  
22 that duty. The reporting system shall include the following  
23 information:

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(vii) Statistical studies on the relationship between the courses taken and grades earned by a high school student and the student's ~~score on the ACT~~ score associated with the 2015-2016 national percentile rankings, on an examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance or score on the WORKKEYS test. Relative to public high schools, such statistical studies shall use student course and grade data that is otherwise available from the schools and such studies shall be conducted at no additional cost to the governing authority of any public high school;

**Section 2.** W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(iii) is repealed.

**Section 3.** This act shall apply to scholarships available to eligible high school students graduating school year 2016-2017 and each year thereafter.

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

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