ABOUT HATHAWAY

In 1974, Governor Stanley Hathaway created the state of Wyoming Permanent Mineral Trust Fund, the income from which would support state government operations – including higher education. In 2005, state lawmakers created a scholarship fund with a $400 million permanent endowment, whose income funds scholarships for qualified Wyoming high school graduates to attend the University of Wyoming or any of the state’s seven community colleges. They honored Hathaway’s many contributions to the state and accomplishments by naming the scholarship program in his honor.

The Hathaway Scholarship program was designed to provide an incentive for Wyoming students to prepare for and pursue post-secondary education within the state of Wyoming. The program consists of four separate merit scholarships, each with specific eligibility requirements, and a need-based scholarship for eligible students that supplements the merit awards.

Today, the Hathaway Scholarship grants $16 million per year to over 5,500 Wyoming students, and is a privilege that offers the state’s students the opportunity to attend college. At a time when scholarships are competitive and often incredibly difficult for students to receive, the Hathaway Scholarship is a benefit available to all Wyoming students. Since the scholarship is merit based (with the exception of a need-based award), students compete with no one but themselves to earn the scholarship. This program is unique to Wyoming and is a true and lasting benefit passed down to our state and our children.

“Learning today, leading tomorrow.”
## REQUIREMENTS

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### MAX AWARD AMOUNT
- 8 full-time semesters

### WHERE YOU CAN USE IT
- May be used at a WY community college or UW
- Must start at a WY community college

### LANGUAGE ARTS (YEARS)
- 4 (9-12 grade only)
- Current HS graduation requirements

### MATH (YEARS)
- 4 (grades 7-12)
  - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and one additional math course
- Current HS graduation requirements; at least 2 of these courses: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

### SOCIAL STUDIES (YEARS)
- 3 (9-12 grade only)
- Current HS graduation requirements

### SCIENCE (YEARS)
- 4 (9-12 grade only)
- Current HS graduation requirements

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE (YEARS)
- 2 Sequential Courses
  - 1 HS level course before 9th grade allowed
  - NONE
  - NONE

### ACT SCORE
- 25
- 21
- 19
- 17
  - (Or score a 12 on WorkKeys)

### HIGHSCHOOL GPA
- 3.5
- 3.0
- 2.5
- 2.5

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- 2 years of either fine arts, career and technical education, or additional foreign language (non-sequenced) (9-12 grade only)
- 2 years of either fine arts, career and technical education, or 2 years foreign language (sequenced) (9-12 grade only)

*Students with an associate’s degree can extend for an additional 4 full-time semesters at UW.*
PAYING

College can be expensive and it may take years of planning to find the school that’s the right fit and the right cost for you, so it’s never too early to start saving for college!

All the work you’ll put in planning and studying really does pay off because a college education means a higher salary after graduation. So start thinking about it and planning for it now!

PLANNING

7TH GRADE STUDENTS

• Improve your reading and writing skills, and take a foreign language class in 8th grade. You can also take 3 of the 4 math classes required by Hathaway before you start 9th grade.

• Work for A’s and B’s and join a school club or athletic team.

• Participate in a GEAR UP program.
  ◦ Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs helps 7th–12th grade income-eligible students prepare for college.

• Talk to your parents about a 529 college savings plan
  ◦ A 529 plan is sponsored by states, state agencies, or educational institutions, and can help you start saving for college early)

8TH GRADE STUDENTS

• Keep your grades up to prepare for high school courses.

• Choose a college prep curriculum when you enroll in high school.

• Attend a community or school workshop on how to pay for college.

• Talk to family, friends, and teachers about your college plans and ask questions to discover what may be right for you!

CAREER

Do you like to be outdoors? Do you like to read and write? Would you rather build things with your hands? Think about what you like to do and find out if there’s a way to turn it into a career at one of Wyoming’s seven state schools!
FRESHMAN

PAYING
Paying for college takes time, so go ahead and start thinking about where you might like to go to school and how you can save for tuition and expenses. Talk with your parents and make a plan to save!

PLANNING
• Focus on your GPA, but don’t forget about clubs, sports, and volunteer opportunities. Colleges consider grades and extracurricular activities!

• Take the free ASPIRE test which is given to Wyoming 9th graders each spring. It can help you learn more about your skills, interests, and talents so you can make a better college plan.
  ◦ The ASPIRE test measures English, math, reading, and science skills and helps match your interests to a career.
  ◦ Ask your guidance counselor exactly when you’ll take the test.

• Maintain your GPA – colleges and scholarships make decisions based on grades you earn from 9th–12th grades.

CAREER
You’ll be offered classes in high school that you’ve never seen before. Explore your interests and discover new ones – it could lead you to the career that’s right for you.
SOPHOMORE

PAYING
College isn’t far off, so take steps to make sure you can afford the colleges you’re interested in attending. Remember, college tuition is only one part of your savings plan – there are housing, meals, and textbook expenses to think about too.

The Hathaway Scholarship is just for Wyoming students, and no other state has anything like it. So don’t miss out! Work with your counselor to make sure you remain eligible from now through senior year.

Talk to your counselor or teacher and ask questions to make sure you’re enrolled in the right classes to satisfy the Hathaway Scholarship eligibility requirements.

PLANNING
• Think about what you want from your college education and start preparing for the ACT.
• Take the free ASPIRE test in the spring. It can help you get ready for college and it’s a practice test for the ACT you’ll take as a junior. Talk to your counselor to find out more.
• Make a college plan with your counselor and find out more about AP (Advanced Placement) and Concurrent/Dual Enrollment classes at your high school.

CAREER
Research on-demand careers and hot job fields. Talk to your counselor and learn about what industries, jobs, and majors are most in demand and might fit you best. There are tons of options, and now is the time to start planning!
JUNIOR

PAYING
Get serious about securing the grants, scholarships, and financial aid packages you’ve decided on. Talk to your counselor about what’s available nationally and in your community.

Attend college fairs and talk to college admissions staff to learn about specific college scholarships and financial aid.

PLANNING
• Talk with your counselor to find resources that give you the best chance to score higher on the ACT.
• Take the ACT test – it’s free and you need it to earn scholarships and get into college. Your school will provide the ACT test during your junior year.
• Find colleges you’re interested in, learn about their admission requirements and deadlines, and visit them if you can. Your junior year is a great time to visit a few schools with your parents and find out which one is right for you!
• Continue to participate in extracurricular activities at school, and get a part–time job or internship in a field you’re interested in.
• Start to write a resume that covers your activities and accomplishments at school and in the community.
• Focus on grades and give yourself the best chance at your first–choice college.
• Are you taking AP classes? Have you considered Concurrent/Dual Enrollment classes at your high school? Make sure you and your counselor explore all the options!

CAREER
Have you figured out what you want to be yet? If not, that’s OK! Now is the time to explore and experiment with what interests you, what you’re good at, and what career paths are most compelling and which state schools align with them. Talk to teachers, counselors, and family members who attended college and find out how they made their decision about a career.
PAYING
Attend college funding workshops and make sure you’re on track to wrap up all the classes you’ll need for the Hathaway Scholarship.

PLANNING
• You can take the ACT again as a senior – the better you score, the more financial help will be available to you.
• Work with your school counselor to make a senior checklist for high school graduation and college enrollment so you can:
  ◦ Submit college and scholarship applications in the fall
  ◦ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in January
  ◦ Retake the ACT in the fall and/or spring to improve your score
• Choose a college! Some schools, such as UW, require confirmation by May 1.
• Visit the college you’re interested in with your family if you haven’t already.
• Apply for scholarships using scholarship search sites like Fastweb.
• Talk to your school counselor and parents about creating a college budget – know how much money you have to pay for the college you want to attend.
• Plan for housing and meals at school and sign up for the plans you need.
• Attend college orientation in the summer after you graduate from high school.

CAREER
Get an internship or find a career mentor who works in the field you’re interested in pursuing. Be open to learning and exploring your future options when you get to school.
LEARN MORE

Talk to your counselors and teachers to make sure you’re on track for the Hathaway Scholarship. Need more information? Contact us today!

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