

Eastern Wyoming College Video Transcript

Financial Aid: How to Apply for the Hathaway Scholarship

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Hi! My name is Becky McAllister. I'm the Hathaway Scholarship Coordinator here at Eastern Wyoming College.

The state of Wyoming has established a generous scholarship program in the name of former Wyoming Governor, Stan Hathaway, that rewards eligible Wyoming-resident students with scholarship money to attend a Wyoming Community College or the University of Wyoming. Hathaway scholarships are designed to provide an incentive for Wyoming students to prepare for and pursue post-secondary education within the state of Wyoming. The scholarship 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. This presentation will provide details on how to apply for the scholarship, and how you can gain eligibility.

Students start preparing and gaining eligibility during high school and some think that because they have met the requirements, it is automatic that they receive it once they are enrolled at a college. But, in order to receive the scholarship you need to apply for it. Students can download, print and complete the Hathaway application from the Eastern Wyoming College Website; you click on the financial aid tab and then Hathaway Scholarship link. Or, if you prefer, you may pick one up in the Financial Aid Office. It is necessary that students have completed an application for admission. Once students complete both the applications they need to have their current high school transcript sent along with any ACT test scores they may have received. Once a student graduates, it is necessary to have the final transcript sent and updated ACT scores or Work Keys scores that they may have taken during high school. Students wanting to qualify for the need-based award are encouraged to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or the FAFSA.

Final scholarship level and award determinations are done at the college level. Once all information is received the coordinator will review it to determine the award level. A provisional award letter is sent at that time.

The Hathaway Scholarship legislation was put forth to specifically help Wyoming Students, therefore there are some additional eligibility requirements: Students and their parents or their legal guardians must be Wyoming residents. Students must graduate from a Wyoming high school, or they must have attended a Wyoming high school prior to receiving a high school equivalency score such as the GED or the HiSET. Legislation also requires a student to apply and initiate the scholarship within two years of their high school graduation date. There are some exceptions for those who are in the military or on a religious mission.

So if you are wondering if you qualify if you were home-schooled, the answer is, "Yes!" Home-schooled students qualify based on their ACT scores and completion of the success curriculum requirements. They do not have a GPA requirement.

There are some disqualifying factors of Hathaway. Students who may otherwise be eligible can be disqualified due to incarceration, defaulting or owing a refund on a Title IV loan, not completing their United States selective service registration, or if they have been convicted of a felony. In each of these cases, students can appeal the Wyoming Department of Education.

Thank you for listening today, remember if you have any further questions you can contact the Financial Aid office at EWC. Our phone number is 307-532-8224 or you can e-mail us at financialaid@ewc.wy.edu.