

Eastern Wyoming College Video Transcript
Financial Aid: The Hathaway Scholarship Awards

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

The Hathaway Scholarship will only pay for college-level credits. College-level credits are those with a course number of 1000 or higher.

The Provisional Opportunity Level, this was formerly the Career Level. This Scholarship pays \$840 per semester and must be used at a community college first. The student receives the equivalent of four full-time semesters of eligibility. Once they have earned a degree, they are eligible for four more semesters, which can be used at the community college or at the University of Wyoming.

The scholarship is available for students enrolled at least six college-level credits. It will be pro-rated for students who are enrolled in less than twelve college-level credits. Students at this level are also eligible to receive 25% of their annual unmet need if they file a FAFSA.

The requirements for eligibility at this level are: a 2.5 minimum high school GPA, either a 500 GED score or a 12 HiSET, a minimum ACT score of 17, or students at this level can also qualify by taking a Work Keys test and getting a score of at least 12. The success curriculum at this level is primarily high school graduation requirements although it does require two math courses and a foreign language or a foreign cultures proficiency.

Continued eligibility requires students to earn 2.25 cumulative GPA, this will not include college-level classes taken prior to initiating the Hathaway Scholarship. Students also must complete 24 college-level credits per academic year for full time and 12 college-level credits per academic year for part time.

The Opportunity Level is the next highest tier. This level also pays \$840 per semester and it is available at the University of Wyoming without a prior degree and provides eligibility for the equivalent of eight full-time semesters. Four semesters can be used at a Wyoming community college. Students can also enroll in six to twelve college-level credits each semester and anything under twelve credits will be pro-rated. Students at this level may also receive 25% of their annual unmet need if they file a FAFSA.

Initial requirements for the Opportunity Level are: a minimum of 2.5 high school GPA, or a 500 GED score, or a 12 on your HiSET, you must also have a minimum 19 composite ACT score, and you must meet the success curriculum requirements.

To maintain eligibility for this level of scholarship, students receive a minimum 2.25 GPA, complete 24 college-level credit hours per academic year for full-time, and 12 college-level credits for part-time. As with the other level, any college credits earned prior to initiating the Hathaway scholarship will not be counted in the cumulative GPA requirements or the completion requirements.

The Performance level. This awards \$1,260 per semester for the equivalent of eight full-time semesters, four of which can be used at a Wyoming community college. As with the lower levels it will be pro-rated for anything under twelve college-level credit hours per semester and a minimum of six must be taken in order to receive payment. Students can also receive 25% of their annual unmet need if they file a FAFSA.

Requirements for this level are: a minimum 3.0 high school GPA, 540 GED, or a 14 HiSET score, and you must have a minimum 21 ACT score along with your required success curriculum. In order to maintain eligibility, students must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. They must complete 12 credit hours per academic year if they are part-time, and 24 for full-time. Also, cumulative GPA and completion will not include college courses taken prior to initiating the scholarship.

The highest tier of the scholarship that a student can earn is the Honors level. At this level students are awarded \$1,680 per semester for the equivalent of eight full-time semesters. Four of the semesters may be used at a Wyoming Community College. Students must enroll in at least six college-level credits per semester and anything under 12 credits will be pro-rated. The wonderful thing about this level is that students can also receive 100% of their annual unmet need if they complete the FAFSA.

Students qualifying for this award must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, or a 575 GED, or 16 HiSET score. They must have a minimum 25 ACT score, and the success curriculum content must be met. Continued eligibility for this level requires a cumulative minimum 2.5 GPA, completion of 24 college-level credit hours per academic year for full-time, and 12 completed college-level credits per academic year for those attending part-time.

If you have any questions on the success curriculum content, you can find your answers at Wyo4ed.org OR on the Wyoming Department of Education Website. As you can tell, there will be a success curriculum change beginning with the year 2016.

We have some important tips for our recipients. Remember that only college-level courses are paid by Hathaway and count toward your completion requirements. Make sure that if you have a remedial class, those with a course number of 0900 or below, that you are taking enough college-level courses, 1000 level and above, to insure future eligibility. If you need to drop a class, stop by the Financial Aid office first for information on how it's going to affect your Hathaway eligibility. Students can earn their eligibility back if they do lose it. Stop by the Financial Aid office for more information on how this can be achieved.

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.