

# WDE FAQ

## Hathaway Scholarship *updated 8/15/2022*

### **What is the Hathaway Scholarship Program?**

The Hathaway Scholarship Program awards merit and need-based scholarships to Wyoming High School graduates that go on to attend a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

### **Why is the Hathaway Scholarship Program Important?**

Established in 2006, Wyoming is one of the few states that offers Wyoming high school graduates a scholarship opportunity. In 2021, the Hathaway scholarship awarded 17 million dollars to about 5,250 students.

### **Who is Eligible to Receive the Hathaway Scholarship?**

Students must be a Wyoming Resident; U.S. Citizen; and graduate from a Wyoming high school, homeschool; or earn their High School Equivalency Certificate (HSEC). Colleges determine final eligibility.

### **Do Students Need to Apply for FAFSA to be Eligible for the Hathaway Scholarship?**

No. However, if a student is applying for the need-based portion of the Hathaway, then yes, students will need to apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Click [here](#) to learn more about the need based scholarship requirements.

### **What Are the Scholarship Requirements?**

The scholarship consists of four different merit scholarships, and an additional need-based scholarship. Each scholarship merit level is determined through GPA, ACT score, and the required Hathaway curriculum completed. To learn more about the exact requirements and how to meet them, click [here](#).

### **How Early Can Students Begin Taking Hathaway Success Curriculum Courses?**

Students can begin the Hathaway curriculum during or prior to high school. [HB 120 - Success Curriculum in Middle School](#), allows functionally equivalent courses taken prior to grade nine to meet the Hathaway success curriculum. To view the Hathaway Approved Courses by District, click [here](#).

### **How Does the Hathaway Calculate GPA?**

The Hathaway Scholarship program uses a weighted GPA on a 5.0 scale for certain courses. Only dual/concurrent enrollment, IB, and AP courses will be weighted.

### **Does the State of Wyoming Offer Any Other Scholarships?**

No. The state of Wyoming only offers the Hathaway Scholarship, which is exclusive to Wyoming high school graduates. For more information about the scholarship, click [here](#).

### **How Long Does a Student Have to Apply for the Scholarship After Graduating From High School in Wyoming?**

An eligible student, who is still considered a Wyoming resident, has up to 48 months (4 years) after high school graduation to apply for the scholarship at a Wyoming College.

## Can a Superscore be Used for the ACT?

In December 2020, the Hathaway [rules](#) were amended to allow [Superscoring](#). Superscoring is the process of averaging the highest ACT score from each section to equal a composite.

Each High School and District should be able to access their school's data, trends and student(s) ACT composite and Superscore through their [ACT Online Reporting Download Hub](#) account.

Students who can receive a Superscore, can access their scores through their [MyACT](#) account, where they can send scores directly to an institution.

## Is the SAT Accepted for Hathaway?

Both the ACT and SAT are accepted for the scholarship. This [concordance table](#) will provide a SAT to ACT conversion.

## Can the Provisional Scholarship be Used at the University of Wyoming?

Students who earn the Provisional Scholarship must first use the Provisional scholarship at a Wyoming community college and must earn a degree if they plan to utilize the scholarship at the University of Wyoming. The Opportunity, Performance and Honors scholarship can be utilized at a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

## Are There Hathaway Coordinators at Each College?

Each college has [Hathaway Coordinators](#), or a Hathaway point-of-contact, for questions about the scholarship. The college will be able to access a student's personal file and provide a detailed response. For general information and questions contact the [Hathaway team](#).

## Are There Orientations Available?

An orientation will be held **online at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month**. The Hathaway team will provide updates, general content, and be available for questions. Online orientations are great for all knowledge levels, and are open for anyone to join. Additionally, orientations can be scheduled outside of the monthly schedule, per request. To sign up for the monthly orientation or to schedule an orientation, click [here](#).