

21-17-105. Tuition to be as nearly free as possible; number, qualifications and selection of students for reduced tuition; reciprocal residency.

(a) To the end that none of the youth of the state who crave the benefits of higher education may be denied, and that all may be encouraged to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the university or community colleges, tuition shall be as nearly free as possible, and it shall be reduced by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per semester to either the university or any community college in the state, as elected by the student, to three (3) students annually from each county as are selected and appointed by the board of county commissioners therein. Scholarships under this section shall be in addition to any Hathaway scholarship awarded a student under W.S. 21-16-1301 et seq., but shall be considered for purposes of calculating unmet financial need for Hathaway need based scholarships.

(b) Students shall be appointed after due consideration of the individual student's extra curricular activity, scholastic ability and American college testing score. Grade point average and American college testing scores shall be equally weighted. For any entering student who fails a math or English placement test, the reduced tuition scholarship under this section is not effective. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the county commissioners may award one (1) additional scholarship each year as a renewal to a student maintaining above a 2.50 average, provided that the total number of students receiving original and renewal scholarships in any county in any year shall not exceed:

(i) Counties of the first class, four (4) students;

(ii) Counties of the second class, three (3) students; and

(iii) Counties of the third class, two (2) students.

(c) Any honor scholarships granted by the University of Wyoming shall be based on the student's scholastic ability and American college testing scores. Grade point average and American college testing scores shall be equally weighted. For any entering student who fails a math or English placement test, the scholarship is not effective.

(d) Any person including the spouse and any child of that person shall qualify as a resident for purposes of tuition at the university if:

(i) His principal employment is located within Wyoming and the income from his employment is the principal source of income for his family;

(ii) He pays Wyoming taxes as required by law;

(iii) He has been employed within Wyoming for at least a majority of the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding application for resident tuition pursuant to this subsection;

(iv) He resides in a state with a law substantially similar to this subsection; and

(v) At the time of enrollment and in accordance with requirements of the enrolling institution, the person, his spouse or any child of that person submits to the university or community college a notarized affidavit attesting to the requirements of this subsection.