

NIOBRARA COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Application Due Date: April 30th

Three County Commissioners' Scholarships and one renewal scholarship will be awarded at a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners. These scholarships are for \$500 per semester (\$1,000 per academic year) for students attending the University of Wyoming or any Wyoming Community College. Also attached for your information, is a copy of the Wyoming Statute, section 21-17-105, 1977, which regulates this scholarship program.

Applicant Status:

(Please choose one)

_____ **New Application** (does not have to be an incoming freshman; non-traditional students are eligible)

_____ **Renewal Application** (received original or renewal scholarship last year [successful applicants may re-apply]) and are currently enrolled at (name of Wyoming college) _____.

Contact Information

(Please Print)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Residence Address (No PO Box) _____

Mailing Address _____

Name of Parents or Guardians _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Last four (4) of your Social Security #: XXX-XX-_____

GPA: _____ ACT SCORE: _____ College Choice: _____

Major or Course of Study: _____

College class standing for next year: _____ **Freshman** _____ **Sophomore** _____ **Junior**

_____ **Senior** _____ **Special Non-Degree** _____ **Graduate**

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- A brief resume stating activities and offices held in school, community activities/involvement, your future plans and financial need.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- A copy of your transcripts.
- Other scholarships applied for or have received: (attach additional pages if necessary)

○ _____
Name of Scholarship _____ Sponsor _____

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SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please mail or deliver completed applications to: Niobrara County Commissioners
PO Box 420
Lusk, WY 82225
307-334-2211

Once awarded, scholarships are paid and administered through the University of Wyoming's Office of Financial Aid.

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

(e) Effective for the 2014 summer school session and each semester thereafter, any person who is a military veteran who does not qualify as a resident pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall qualify as a resident for purposes of tuition at the University of Wyoming or Wyoming community college if the person provides:

(i) A certificate or other evidence of honorable discharge from the uniformed services of the United States:

(A) Within the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding application for resident tuition pursuant to this subsection; or

(B) Within the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding acceptance to the University of Wyoming or Wyoming community college if the applicant for resident tuition was attending the University of Wyoming or Wyoming community college on April 1, 2014.

(ii) Documented evidence that the veteran has taken steps to establish residency in Wyoming.

(f) For purposes of subsection (e) of this section, "uniformed services of the United States" means service in the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, United States public health service commissioned corps, national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned corps, national guard or any reserve or auxiliary component thereof.

(g) Once a military veteran has qualified for resident tuition under subsection (e) of this section, the veteran shall remain qualified in subsequent years upon complying with paragraph (e)(ii) of this section.