



HATHAWAY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY EXTENSION POLICY

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HATHAWAY ELIGIBILITY LIMITS

Eligible Wyoming Hathaway Recipients are granted a maximum of eight (8) semesters of lifetime eligibility (based full time credit enrollment), but commencement of eligibility may be delayed by up to two years post high school graduation. The Hathaway *Opportunity*, *Performance*, and *Honor* scholarships are available to community college students for a maximum of four (4) full-time credit enrollment semesters, with the remaining four (4) semesters of full time enrollment eligibility associated with enrollment at the University of Wyoming

HATHAWAY ELIGIBILITY LIMIT EXTENSION DEFINITIONS

Wyoming Stat. Ann §21-16-1304(b). Subsection (g), provides for an extension of eligibility if the student “has earned a certificate or degree from a Wyoming community college or has otherwise successfully completed sufficient courses for eligibility to enroll in courses within a program offered by a Wyoming community college which leads to a professional degree.” Rephrased, a student may be allowed to extend their eligibility at a community college (a 2-year college such as NWC) past their four (4) semesters of full time enrollment eligibility if they are pursuing a program that leads to a professional degree and have not graduated from the professional degree program, and have required courses remaining for graduation from the professional degree program. Students must be aware that any approved extension for continued eligibility at NWC will consume semesters of eligibility originally designed for enrollment at the University of Wyoming. Under no circumstance can a student exceed eight (8) semesters of full time credit enrollment eligibility, or their less than full time equivalent.

- **Professional Degree:** a program of study usually required to prepare a student for working in a specific career. Generally, a professional degree is required for entrance into a particular career, such as law, education, or medicine, and usually culminates with a test of proficiency or a licensing examination. The College’s recognized professional degrees are limited to these specific programs:
 - ✓ AS Aeronautics
 - ✓ AAS Nursing
 - ✓ Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
 - ✓ AAS Welding
- **Program:** the common meaning of a program is a plan or schedule of activities, procedures, etc., to be followed. Every academic institution requires certain courses or categories of courses and other activities that must be successfully completed to earn a degree or certificate. For example, an Associate’s Degree in Elementary Education would meet the definition of “program” as there is an established course of study with required courses.

HOW TO APPLY FOR HATHAWAY EXTENSION

If a student who received the Hathaway *Opportunity*, *Performance*, and *Honor* scholarship has completed their four (4) semesters of full time credit enrollment at a community college but needs additional semester(s) to complete their professional degree (enrolling only in those courses required for graduation from the professional degree program) may request an extension of use of their Hathaway Scholarship.

Students who wish to apply for extension MUST meet three (3) requirements for consideration:

1. **Be enrolled in a NWC program that meets the definition of a professional degree, as defined above**
2. **Have enrolled in courses required for graduation from the professional degree program**
3. **Have not exceeded eight (8) semesters of full time credit enrollment eligibility, or the less-than-full-time equivalent.**

Applicants for extension must complete the *Hathaway Scholarship Extension Request* form and submit it to the Hathaway Scholarship Technician in the NWC Financial Aid Office. Applications for extension must be received prior to the conclusion of the add/drop period of the semester for which the extension is requested. The student must apply for an extension for each semester of requested eligibility extension. Each approved extension qualifies the student for one (1) additional semester of eligibility, with funding calculated on only those courses necessary for graduation from the professional degree. Since Hathaway eligibility is prorated for periods of enrollment where the student is enrolled less than full time, there is no limit to the amount of extensions that can be requested as long as the student meets all three (3) criteria as listed above.

The Hathaway Scholarship Technician evaluates the extension request to determine if the student has met the extension eligibility criteria and notifies the student of approval or denial of their request. Approval notification will contain the period of eligibility extension and a calculation of how the eligibility amount was calculated (number of credits upon which the calculation was based). Denials will contain an explanation of why the application was denied. All extension request approval or denial decisions are final, are at the sole discretion of the NWC Financial Aid Office, and cannot be appealed.

WHERE TO FIND HATHAWAY EXTENSION APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available in the NWC Financial Aid Office or can be downloaded from NWC’s website at:

<http://nwc.edu/scholarships/hathaway/forms.html>.