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# WYOMING'S TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

## PLEASE SUPPORT HB 31 WYOMING'S TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees and the state's business community support the creation of an adult-focused scholarship/financial aid program to help meet the state's higher education attainment goals, allow adults to update their skill sets, and train dislocated workers.

## WHY DOES WYOMING NEED THIS BILL?

**This is an investment in our future!**

The University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Community College Commission, ENDOW and by executive order, the State of Wyoming, have formally adopted higher education attainment goals. Higher education attainment levels are directly correlated to economic productivity and will be even more so important in shaping the economic future of the state.

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW

If Wyoming high schools graduated every senior in the state, and if Wyoming had the highest college-going rate in the nation, and those students graduated college at a higher rate than other states, the numbers would still not be sufficient to reach the higher education attainment goals.

According to the US Census Bureau, Wyoming has 113,000 working-aged adults with just a high school diploma and 103,000 with some college, but no credential.

It is difficult for working adults to leave the labor force to pursue higher education because of life commitments and financial obligations.

## WITH WYOMING'S TOMORROW (HB 31)

With the Wyoming's Tomorrow program, Wyoming could re-engage working adults already committed to living here and encourage them to earn a post-secondary credential.

Wyoming could meet the attainment goal if the colleges could help just 40% of these individuals earn a post-secondary credential.

With Hathaway scholarships focused on merit and traditional-age students, the addition of an adult-focused, need-based scholarship program is a natural counterpart to serve all Wyomingites' pursuit of higher education. This could benefit dislocated coal miners or other working adults who want to build their skills to get a better job.

## WYOMING'S TOMORROW LEGISLATION WILL HELP DIVERSIFY AND GROW OUR ECONOMY.

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Enhancing educational attainment will grow jobs and enhance research opportunities for Wyoming. Like Hathaway, this adult college grant is distributed directly to students to utilize at a Wyoming community college or the University. The more adults who achieve a college certificate or degree, the more qualified workers there are to fill vacant positions within our Wyoming businesses. Expanded research efforts at the University help recruit new industries to our state. Wyoming's Tomorrow legislation will help diversify and grow our economy.

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