

ENROLLED ACT NO. 129, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2005 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to firefighters; providing tuition free post-secondary education for specified dependents of firefighters who die in the line of duty; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-9-161 is created to read:

Division 6  
Survivors' Benefits

**35-9-161. Free tuition and fees for education of survivors of deceased firefighters.**

The University of Wyoming for up to ten (10) semesters and each community college for up to six (6) semesters shall provide free tuition and fees for any person who is a surviving dependent of a paid or volunteer firefighter who died while acting within the scope of his duties in the service of a paid or volunteer fire department or district located in Wyoming. If the surviving dependent first enrolls in a community college and then transfers to the University of Wyoming, the free tuition and fees shall continue until the dependent has completed a cumulative total of ten (10) semesters at the community college and the university. In order to qualify for the benefit under this section, a surviving dependent shall be under twenty-two (22) years of age at the time of the death of the parent or other person responsible for the support of that dependent. Upon request of a person claiming eligibility for free tuition under this section because of the death of a parent or other person responsible for the support of the person, the state fire marshal shall determine whether the decedent was a firefighter in the service of a paid or

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volunteer fire department or district in Wyoming, whether the decedent died while acting within the scope of his duties, the names of all his dependents and, if qualified for free tuition under this section, certify the eligibility of the dependent to the University of Wyoming and to each community college.

**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk