



WINNER NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – For more information, contact Karen Reynolds at Karen.A.Reynolds@arkansas.gov or (501) 353-9525.

Arkansas Lottery Player Claims \$1.8 Billion Powerball Jackpot

Jan. 22, 2026

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Arkansas lottery player who purchased the \$1.8 billion jackpot-winning Powerball® ticket recently claimed the prize from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL).

The winning Quick Pick ticket was sold at Murphy USA 7879, located at 208 S. Rockwood in Cabot, for the Dec. 24 drawing. The winning numbers were 4, 25, 31, 52 and 59. The Powerball number was 19, and the Power Play® multiplier was 2.

The lucky winner opted to receive the prize as a one-time cash payment. Before tax withholdings, the lump-sum amount was \$834.9 million. The winner elected to remain anonymous.

The \$1.8 billion Powerball jackpot was a landmark event in more ways than one, ranking as the second-largest jackpot in both Powerball and U.S. lottery history and spanning a record of 47 consecutive draws.

“Everyone was anxiously waiting for the winner to step forward, but we are happy they took the time to seek legal counsel and financial advice first, as we recommended. We are thrilled that the winner is from Arkansas!” said ASL Executive Director Sharon Strong.

“We’re proud to celebrate this moment, not only for our Arkansas winner and for Murphy USA, the Arkansas-based company that sold the winning ticket, but also for the positive impact this historic jackpot will have on our state and our mission to raise funds for in-state scholarships.”

The win has had a significant impact on the state. During this record-breaking jackpot cycle, Powerball generated \$15,021,939 in cash sales in Arkansas while retailers statewide earned \$768,267 in commissions. Now that the ticket has been claimed, Murphy USA 7879 will receive a \$50,000 commission for selling the winning ticket. State taxes were withheld at 3.9% and federal taxes were withheld at 24%.

For more information about the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) creates winning people, winning futures, and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$8 billion and returned more than \$1.5 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 822,000 college scholarships distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education have been awarded to Arkansans.

As of Dec. 31, 2025, the lottery has awarded more than \$5.6 billion in prizes to players, more than \$471 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$190 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on [Facebook](#), [X](#), formerly known as Twitter, and [Instagram](#). Visit MyArkansasLottery.com for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

#