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ASU-Jonesboro Lottery Scholarships Top \$9.5 Million For 2018-2019 School Year

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LITTLE ROCK, AR – Students at Arkansas State University (ASU) in Jonesboro will receive more than \$9.5 million in lottery scholarship funding for approximately 3,500 scholarships during the 2018-2019 school year, according to the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) and Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE).

“Arkansans are understanding that when they walk into a convenience store and buy a scratch-off ticket or a draw game ticket, that they are also investing in the lives of Arkansas students,” said Bishop Woosley, director of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery. “Obviously the more people play the more likely they are to win money, but they are also providing more educational opportunities as well.”

Since 2011, ASU-Jonesboro students have received more than \$116 million in scholarship funding from the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship.

Allison Warner, an ASU-Jonesboro Nursing student, says the scholarship has been critical in removing financial obstacles as she works toward her dream of becoming a nurse.

“This scholarship was important because it provided me the opportunity to cover costs in order to be debt free my first two years of college,” Warner said. “All of my textbooks were paid for each semester because of the money I received from the Lottery Scholarship. Because I did not have to pay out of pocket, I was able to save money to continue my education and pay for nursing school.”

Scholarship money is awarded on a tiered system. Students enrolled in four-year institutions can receive \$1,000 for the first year. Those who stay in school are rewarded thereafter with \$4,000 for sophomore and junior years, and \$5,000 for senior year. At two-year institutions

and approved nursing schools, students receive \$1,000 for the first year and \$3,000 for the second.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now available online at scholarships.adhe.edu. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2019.

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About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the Lottery has provided more than \$781 million for more than 302,000 college scholarships, more than \$2.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$228 million in retailer commissions and more than \$117 million state and federal tax revenue.

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