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# **Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Announces Scholarship Proceeds for July**

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LITTLE ROCK – Today, Lottery Director Eric Hagler announced the proceeds raised for scholarships for July totaled \$12,752,561. This amount is the third best proceeds month since the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery started in 2009.

“Our mission is to maximize proceeds to scholarships in a responsible way,” Hagler said. “With outstanding sales and revenues, we are doing just that. We have provided more than \$1.1 billion for the Academic Challenge Scholarship program, which equates to more than 675,000 scholarships. And that number will increase later this month when the Arkansas Department of Higher Education awards scholarships to Arkansas students for the 2022-23 school year.”

January 2016 was the month with the highest proceeds ever at \$14,338,090. March 2012 hit the second most proceeds raised with \$12,827,373, which barely eclipsed last month’s proceeds total, according to Hagler.

The lottery also helps fund two other scholarships:

- The Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship is available for those attending technical schools. It is for students seeking certifications in high-demand occupations, such as healthcare and information technology.
- The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Award provides financial incentives to eligible high school students who want to get an early start on college courses.

“We have never deviated from our objective and are proud that more than 92 cents of every dollar raised through the sale of lottery tickets goes to scholarships, prizes, retailer commissions and other expenses,” he said. “The lottery raised \$99.7 million in scholarship proceeds during fiscal year 2022 which ended June 30.”

Hagler said the huge \$1.337 billion Mega Millions® jackpot helped push sales last month. An Illinois lottery player won the record jackpot on July 30. Every draw game ticket purchased in Arkansas is a win for the state since more money from draw tickets go towards scholarship proceeds.

### **About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery**

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1.1 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 675,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4 billion in prizes to players, about \$352 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$156 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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