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## Lottery Jackpots Approach Combined \$1 Billion For Weekend Drawings Mega Millions® boasts 3<sup>rd</sup> largest jackpot in history

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Arkansans have a chance at winning nearly \$1 billion with Mega Millions® and Powerball® jackpots from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) this weekend.

The Mega Millions® jackpot is now the third highest in the game's history at \$548 million, and Powerball® is not far behind at \$314 million.

"It's very unusual to see both jackpots this high at the same time," said Bishop Woosley, ASL director. "Arkansans have already won millions playing life-changing games like Powerball® and Mega Millions®, and most importantly, sales from jackpots have funded hundreds of thousands of college scholarships for our students."

Since January 2018 alone, Arkansas lottery players have won more than \$3.6 million in Powerball® prizes and more than \$1.8 million in Mega Millions® prizes. Beginning with the Lottery's inception in 2009, there have been 12 Powerball® millionaires and five Mega Millions® millionaires who purchased their winning tickets in Arkansas, including a \$177 million winning Mega Millions® ticket sold in Stuttgart last year.

Woosley says playing these draw games is easier than you might think.

"Just stop by a local Lottery retailer, walk up to the counter and ask for a Mega Millions® or Powerball® Quick Pick. Or choose your own lucky numbers and fill out a playslip. With nearly a billion dollars in jackpots up for grabs, it's an opportunity you don't want to miss."

The next Mega Millions® drawing is Friday at 10 p.m. and Powerball® is Saturday at 9:59 p.m. Visit MyArkansasLottery.com for winning numbers and to locate a Lottery retailer near you.

## 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 \$2.7 billion in prizes to players, about \$230 million in retailer commissions and more than \$117 million state and federal tax revenue.

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