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## Mega Millions<sup>®</sup> Climbs To More Than Half A Billion For Friday's Drawing

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LITTLE ROCK – The Mega Millions® jackpot from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) is a staggering \$515 million for Friday night's drawing, the 9<sup>th</sup> largest jackpot in the game's history.

Meanwhile, Powerball® is not far behind at \$218 million, with its next drawing on Saturday.

"Every ticket purchased contributes to scholarships, and that's what our mission is all about," said Eric Hagler, director of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery. "We're proud to have raised more than \$1 billion in scholarship proceeds to date."

Arkansans have until Friday at 9:45 p.m. to purchase a Mega Millions® ticket from their local lottery retailer. Players can ask for a Quick Pick or use a playslip to choose their numbers.

Mega Millions® drawings are held Tuesday and Friday at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$2 each, with the Megaplier® option for an additional \$1. Prizes on all Megaplier® tickets are multiplied, except for the jackpot. For game odds and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

ASL reminds consumers to play responsibly. If gambling is a problem, call or text the 24-hour confidential National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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## 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

billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 650,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$312 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$144 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. Visit <u>MyArkansasLottery.com</u> for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To hear winning numbers, call the Winning Numbers Hotline at 501-682-IWON (4966). To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.