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## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 15

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LITTLE ROCK – "Scholarship" isn't just part of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery's name – it's the very reason it exists. Since it began in 2009, the Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for more than 235,000 scholarships to Arkansas students to 51 colleges, universities and technical schools in the state.

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery largely funds the scholarships, which are administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). ADHE has extended the deadline to apply for scholarships to June 15. All eligible traditional and non-traditional college-bound students in Arkansas are encouraged to apply. "We're proud of the thousands of recipients of the Arkansas Academic Challenge scholarship from all over the state," Lottery Director Bishop Woosley said. "It's why the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is here. And we couldn't do it without Lottery players and Lottery retailers across the state. And, by the way, there's still time to apply for a scholarship!"

Scholarship applicants can be new high school graduates, students who are already enrolled in school, older students who want to continue their education, or those attending technical schools. Scholarships begin at \$1,000 for the first year of a four-year school and increase to \$4,000 annually for sophomore and junior years, rising to \$5,000 for senior year; for two-year schools, the amount is \$1,000 for year one and \$3,000 for year two. Need more information? Visit <a href="scholarships.ADHE.edu">scholarships.ADHE.edu</a>.

## More 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 Lottery sales started in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided more than \$2.2 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$191 million in commissions to Lottery retailers.

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