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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

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LITTLE ROCK—With the June 1 deadline fast approaching, Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley encouraged both traditional and nontraditional students in the state to apply for Lottery-funded scholarships. The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship is available through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education by applying online at Scholarships.ADHE.edu.

“At the lottery,” Woosley added, “We say, ‘you can’t win if you don’t play.’ And you definitely won’t get a scholarship if you don’t apply for one. Just apply online. It’s easy to apply – no essays required!”

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act of 2009 provided for revenue raised by a state lottery to provide for college scholarships to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Tens of thousands of scholarships are awarded to Arkansas students across the state annually -- with the 200,000th granted in academic year 2016 (**SEE ATTACHED FOR COUNTY BREAKDOWN**).

Arkansas has one of the lowest percentages of citizens with advanced degrees in the country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

“We’re proud of the opportunities we are able to provide through the funding of college scholarships,” Woosley said. “Every day, I talk to students and families whose lives have been changed because of Lottery-funded scholarships. Some students wouldn’t be able to go to college at all without this scholarship.”

About Lottery-funded Scholarships

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery funds Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships; ADHE administers and distributes them. Learn more about college scholarships in Arkansas at ADHE.edu.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since lottery sales started in Arkansas in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has awarded more than \$573 million in net proceeds for scholarships to Arkansas college students. Lottery players have won nearly \$2 billion in prizes, while Lottery retailers have earned more than \$166 million in commissions. More than 92 cents of every dollar of lottery revenue goes to prizes,

scholarships and retailer commissions in the state. Visit MyArkansasLottery.com for more information, and follow the ASL on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

**ADHE's Academic Challenge Scholarship Program
Awards by County 2011-2016**

County	Total
Arkansas	1,550
Ashley	1,315
Baxter	2,311
Benton	13,054
Boone	2,637
Bradley	657
Calhoun	308
Carroll	1,105
Chicot	488
Clark	1,469
Clay	962
Cleburne	1,820
Cleveland	729
Columbia	1,442
Conway	1,666
Craighead	7,293
Crawford	5,268
Crittenden	2,971
Cross	1,427
Dallas	393
Desha	905
Drew	1,348
Faulkner	10,179
Franklin	1,761
Fulton	859
Garland	7,348
Grant	2,021
Greene	3,160
Hempstead	1,299
Hot Spring	2,598
Howard	1,245
Independence	2,609
Izard	911
Jackson	868
Jefferson	4,886
Johnson	1,894

Lafayette	360
Lawrence	1,455
Lee	411
Lincoln	700
Little River	796
Logan	1,776
Lonoke	6,065
Madison	869
Marion	770
Miller	1,566
Mississippi	2,355
Monroe	509
Montgomery	472
Nevada	546
Newton	634
Ouachita	2,107
Perry	910
Phillips	1,275
Pike	1,102
Poinsett	1,597
Polk	1,657
Pope	4,905
Prairie	620
Pulaski	25,414
Randolph	1,173
Saline	8,533
Scott	738
Searcy	807
Sebastian	9,390
Sevier	1,205
Sharp	1,463
St. Francis	1,138
Stone	885
Union	3,110
Van Buren	1,097
Washington	13,479
White	5,889
Woodruff	445
Yell	1,621
Not Reported	127
Total	202,727

Source: Arkansas Department of Higher Education

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