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ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY RECOVERS UNPAID CHILD SUPPORT

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LITTTLE ROCK—It is no secret the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery provides scholarships to Arkansas students, but there's a lesser known group of people who also benefits from the Lottery – the children of Lottery players who haven't paid their child support.

Before a Lottery prize may be collected, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery works with the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement to ensure that any winning players do not owe child support. For example, in March 2016 – the most recent month available – Lottery reports show nearly \$50,000 was collected in unpaid child support payments. The amounts vary, and monthly financial disclosure reports dating back to January 2010 are available at the Lottery website, www.MyArkansasLottery.com.

"We want Lottery players to win, but not at the expense of their children and families," Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley said. "So we are glad the Lottery is able to serve as a conduit for these families to receive their unpaid and overdue financial support."

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since Lottery sales started in Arkansas in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided more than \$573 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, while players have won nearly \$2 billion in prizes -- and Lottery retailers have earned more than \$162 million in commissions. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships and retailer commissions in the state.

Please follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Visit www.MyArkansasLottery.com for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions, and to join the free *Play it Again* Rewards Club. 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.

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