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STATE LOTTERY REMINDS TO GIFT RESPONSIBLY, PLAY RESPONSIBLY

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LITTLE ROCK— Happy holidays from the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery! During this giving season, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery reminds holiday shoppers that lottery tickets make great gifts – but only for those age 18 and older.

With its media and retail partners, the state lottery is helping promote a responsible gaming message this season by urging Arkansas players not to purchase lottery items for minors. The sale of Arkansas Scholarship Lottery games is reserved for those aged 18 and older. It is illegal to knowingly sell Arkansas Scholarship Lottery tickets to minors; minors also cannot claim winning Arkansas Scholarship Lottery tickets.

Along with other lotteries around the U.S. and the world this season, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is collaborating with the National Council on Problem Gambling to increase public awareness concerning giving lottery games to minors, as well as lottery play by minors.

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 \$700 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, more than \$2 billion in prizes to players and more than \$180 million in commissions to Lottery retailers.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Visit <u>www.myarkansaslottery.com</u> 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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