



# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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## **Lottery Scholarship Deadline set for July 1**

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – July 1 is the deadline for students to apply for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship enrolling in a two- or four-year college or university in the fall.

The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship is available to traditional and non-traditional students regardless of their academic status, whether just graduating from high school, currently enrolled in college, enrolling in college for the first time, or re-enrolling after a period out of college.

Since 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) has helped raise more than \$1.3 billion to fund more than 770,000 scholarships for students attending 52 Arkansas colleges and universities – both public and private.

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery was started with the mission of helping Arkansas students pursue a higher education. More than 92 cents of every dollar raised through the sale of lottery tickets goes to scholarships, prizes, retailer commissions and other expenses within the state.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be an Arkansas resident for at least 12 months before enrollment and receive at least a 19 on the ACT. Additionally, students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.5 to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship award amounts are as follows:

Four-year college: Year 1 - \$1,000; Year 2 - \$4,000; Year 3 - \$4,000; Year 4 - \$5,000.

Two-year college: Year 1 - \$1,000; Year 2 - \$3,000.

The lottery also helps fund several other scholarships.

The Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship is available for students seeking certifications in high-demand occupations, such as healthcare, manufacturing and information technology. The award amount may be \$800 for a single program of study. Students must apply at least 30 days before enrollment in an eligible program.

The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship provides financial incentives to eligible sophomore, junior or senior high school students who want to start college courses early. The scholarship pays \$125 per course for up to two concurrent credit courses per semester.

The Arkansas Challenge Plus Scholarship provides additional funding for students with an Academic Challenge Scholarship based on their financial needs. Challenge Plus will start accepting students this upcoming fall.

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) administers the scholarship programs and is responsible for selecting scholarship recipients. To learn more about these scholarships, contact ADHE at 501-371-2000 or apply at [sams.adhe.edu](http://sams.adhe.edu).

### **About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery**

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) creates winning people, winning futures, and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$7.3 billion and returned more than \$1.3 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 770,000 college scholarships distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$5 billion in prizes to players, more than \$416 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$176 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](http://MyArkansasLottery.com) for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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