. LOTTERY SELLS 500,000 RAFFLE TICKETS; SCHOLARSHIPS GROW OVER \$1 MILLION

LITTLE ROCK – April 7, 2011, 12:01 a.m. – The *Arkansas Million Dollar Raffle* reached its sales goal of \$5 million when all tickets were sold late Wednesday night. Players who purchased the tickets will now be eagerly awaiting the posting of lucky winning numbers for the \$3 million in prizes. But the real winners will be the Arkansans who are attending college on lottery funded scholarships.

Ticket sales for the *Raffle* game commenced last year and the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) announced the last day to buy tickets, April 6th, early in 2011. Daily sales volume increased dramatically after the end-of-game announcement and peaked this week when over \$900,000 in tickets were sold during the last three days.

The mission of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery is to fund scholarships for Arkansans attending two- and four-year colleges and universities in the state. The success of the *Raffle* will contribute to ASL accomplishing its mission.

Arkansas Million Dollar Raffle tickets cost \$10 each and there will be 1,142 winning Raffle ticket numbers drawn on Thursday, April 7th: two (2) \$1,000,000 prizes; 540 \$1000 prizes; and 600 \$100 prizes. The drawing will be conducted by ASL Security and certified by the Arkansas Division of Audit.

The drawing results will be posted at www.myarkansaslottery.com < http://www.myarkansaslottery.com as soon as possible this afternoon. Players who do not have access to a computer can scan their tickets at any Arkansas lottery retailer as soon as the results are available.

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