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## **Lottery Issues Mega Millions Email Scam Alert**

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) wants to alert players to an email scam that is circulating in the state.

With the Mega Millions® jackpot growing to \$402 million for tonight's drawing, a fake email entitled "Congratulations From Arkansas Mega Millions On Tuesday, May 11, 2021" is being sent to Arkansas players telling them to claim a prize by clicking on a link.

"Lottery scams are fairly common," said ASL Director Eric Hagler. "In this case, anyone who receives the fake email should not click the link and delete the email immediately. If a player wins Mega Millions or any other lottery game, he must have purchased a ticket and then must claim his prize at the ASL Claim Center in Little Rock."

Hagler said the only time lottery representatives might be contacting players is to notify them that they have won a Second-Chance Promotion or a Play It Again® drawing through The Club. Otherwise players must come forward to claim their prize.

"You can receive a phone call, email, text and even social media messages that are seemingly real. Do not be fooled. Stay aware and play responsibly," he said.

Lotteries of foreign countries are illegal in the United States. If you have been contacted by a lottery claiming to be affiliated with the government of another country, it is a scam.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud or attempted fraud by someone posing as a representative of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, please report it to the Arkansas Lottery Security hotline at 1-888-606-6292 and/or the Arkansas Attorney General's office at 1-800-482-8982.

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

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 650,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in prizes to players, about \$312 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$144 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](#) for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. 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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