

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representative J. Roberts**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1043**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO PASS THE GENERAL  
9 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST AND RECEIVE A HIGH  
10 SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD  
11 OF THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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15 RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA ARE ELIGIBLE FOR  
16 AN AWARD OF THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP."

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-904 is hereby amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 "6-82-904. Eligible students. Opportunity scholarships shall be  
24 awarded, *contingent upon state funds becoming available, to all eligible*  
25 *students:*

26 (1) Who have applied for this scholarship in accordance with procedures  
27 established by the State Department of Higher Education;

28 (2) Who live in Arkansas;

29 (3) Who have graduated from an accredited secondary school in Arkansas  
30 or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) test and received a  
31 high school equivalency diploma; and

32 (4) Who have demonstrated financial need; and

33 (5) *For whom a local matching scholarship award has been made available*  
34 *by a school or community foundation in compliance with the State Department of*  
35 *Higher Education's published guidelines for the establishment and operation of*

1 *these local private scholarship funds."*

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §6-82-905 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 "6-82-905. Amount of scholarships.

6 (a) The State Department of Higher Education shall have the complete  
7 authority to fix the dollar value of each opportunity scholarship to be  
8 awarded.

9 (b) In determining the appropriate level of each award, the State  
10 Department of Higher Education shall consider the individual student's  
11 financial need, *the size of the local matching award relative to the local*  
12 *community's capacity to lend private financial support*, the availability of  
13 other sources of student financial assistance, plus any additional factors  
14 deemed significant by the State Department of Higher Education at the time of  
15 the award.

16 (c) In determining a student's financial needs, the State Department of  
17 Higher Education shall take into account a student's tuition, and room and  
18 board, as well as additional expenses related to enrollment and matriculation,  
19 such as books and travel."

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21 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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25 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
29 act are declared to be severable.

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31 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
32 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Jacqueline Roberts*

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