



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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GOVERNOR

March 1, 2017

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to SB264, the Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Higher Education:

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION-STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2017-2018	
(16) <u>ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANT</u>		<u>\$9,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$56,050,000	<u>\$65,050,000</u>

This request allows for the creation of the Arkansas Future Grant. This grant will pay five semesters of tuition and fees to any student enrolled in a qualifying high-demand field or STEM area program that will lead to a certificate or up to an associate degree. Students are allowed to attend any state supported institution of higher education.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

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