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Senator Ronald Caldwell, Chair
Representative Gary Deffenbaugh, Chair
Arkansas Lottery Legislative Oversight Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Caldwell and Representative Deffenbaugh:

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 6-85-205 (g) (1) (A), I am submitting for your review the enclosed report on the status of Academic Challenge students for fiscal Year 2022. It should be noted that we can only report the current status of students as to whether they maintained their eligibility at the end of the spring 2022 semester. Students have until October 1, 2022 to provide documentation that they have completed summer coursework to maintain their eligibility. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education will provide the requested information on students who dropped out or lost their scholarship in our December report.

The attached report shows the current status of all students who received an Academic Challenge award in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022.

Should you require additional information, please let me know and we will be happy to provide.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Markham".

Maria Markham, Ph.D.
Director

**Arkansas Division of Higher Education
Academic Challenge Scholarship Program
Student Statuses - All Cohorts
Fiscal 2022**

Traditional

Current Status	Student Count	Average High School GPA	Average ACT	Average College GPA	Male	Female	Unknown Gender	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black (Non-Hispanic)	Hispanic	White (Non-Hispanic)	2 or More Races	Unknown Race	Amount Paid	Average Student Income	Average Parent	Average Attempted Hours	Average Earned Hours
Completed	4,336	3.74	24.4	3.50	1,554	2,751	31	24	122	308	308	3,310	146	118	\$ 18,182,493	\$ 3,827	\$ 78,291	28.7	28.8
Dropped	493	3.39	22.6	3.27	224	265	4	7	12	44	22	368	25	15	\$ 457,129	\$ 2,148	\$ 67,298	2.5	2.5
Eligible	9,858	3.83	24.9	3.54	3,837	5,954	67	47	305	571	771	7,535	350	279	\$ 26,713,360	\$ 1,934	\$ 106,718	31.1	30.9
Pending Renewal	8,984	3.67	23.5	3.03	3,605	5,348	31	43	191	831	700	6,661	341	217	\$ 22,149,049	\$ 1,969	\$ 84,641	21.1	19.0
Overall-Summary	23,671	3.74	24.2	3.36	9,220	14,318	133	121	630	1,754	1,801	17,874	862	629	\$ 67,502,032	\$ 2,298	\$ 92,311	26.2	25.4

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Completed	688	3.28	21.9	3.32	259	420	9	1	14	111	59	414	27	62	\$ 2,268,237	\$ 15,969	\$ 44,234	23.3	22.9
Dropped	71	3.06	20.9	3.12	21	47	3	-	2	11	2	47	4	5	\$ 101,864	\$ 18,325	\$ 31,050	3.7	3.1
Eligible	819	3.26	21.6	3.44	276	520	23	9	18	101	85	503	28	75	\$ 2,447,183	\$ 17,407	\$ 53,083	25.8	25.4
Pending Renewal	871	3.26	20.6	3.14	298	560	13	3	17	201	62	485	38	65	\$ 2,602,409	\$ 14,171	\$ 46,447	15.9	14.1
Overall-Summary	2,449	3.26	21.3	3.31	854	1,547	48	13	51	424	208	1,449	97	207	\$ 7,419,694	\$ 15,879	\$ 47,598	20.9	20.0

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Completed	5,024	3.69	24.2	3.48	1,813	3,171	40	25	136	419	367	3,724	173	180	\$ 20,450,731	\$ 5,490	\$ 73,627	28.0	28.0
Dropped	564	3.36	22.5	3.24	245	312	7	7	14	55	24	415	29	20	\$ 558,993	\$ 4,185	\$ 62,735	2.7	2.5
Eligible	10,677	3.79	24.7	3.54	4,113	6,474	90	56	323	672	856	8,038	378	354	\$ 29,160,543	\$ 3,121	\$ 102,604	30.6	30.5
Pending Renewal	9,855	3.64	23.4	3.04	3,903	5,908	44	46	208	1,032	762	7,146	379	282	\$ 24,751,458	\$ 3,047	\$ 81,266	20.6	18.6
Overall-Summary	26,120	3.71	24.0	3.36	10,074	15,865	181	134	681	2,178	2,009	19,323	959	836	\$ 74,921,725	\$ 3,572	\$ 88,118	25.8	24.9

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Completed	33	3.79	22.8	3.62	11	22	-	-	-	1	2	28	2	-	\$ 38,000	\$ 618	\$ 83,409	29.5	29.1
Dropped	357	3.29	22.2	3.92	176	178	3	5	8	27	15	272	19	11	\$ 188,000	\$ 2,293	\$ 69,542	0.1	0.1
Eligible	4,136	3.82	24.7	3.53	1,671	2,425	40	25	135	226	318	3,118	168	146	\$ 4,380,103	\$ 1,106	\$ 127,304	30.5	30.3
Pending Renewal	3,905	3.61	23.0	2.36	1,688	2,204	13	17	73	337	335	2,879	152	112	\$ 3,728,908	\$ 1,268	\$ 92,816	11.4	8.8
Overall-Summary	8,431	3.70	23.8	3.16	3,546	4,829	56	47	216	591	670	6,297	341	269	\$ 8,335,011	\$ 1,229	\$ 108,712	20.4	19.0

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Completed	103	3.02	19.9	3.32	30	72	1	-	3	25	9	56	3	7	\$ 312,750	\$ 19,983	\$ 38,916	12.5	12.2
Dropped	27	2.90	21.1	-	11	16	-	-	1	7	1	15	2	1	\$ 33,750	\$ 20,493	\$ 44,281	0.0	0.0
Eligible	311	3.26	21.3	3.47	103	202	6	2	9	39	43	187	10	21	\$ 801,558	\$ 15,536	\$ 62,454	26.0	25.7
Pending Renewal	363	3.15	20.6	2.84	134	223	6	1	10	78	32	205	12	25	\$ 987,917	\$ 10,829	\$ 58,786	8.5	6.7
Overall-Summary	804	3.17	20.83	3.27	278	513	13	3	23	149	85	463	27	54	\$ 2,135,975	\$ 14,147	\$ 57,172	15.5	14.5

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Completed	136	3.30	21.1	3.44	41	94	1	-	3	26	11	84	5	7	\$ 350,750	\$ 15,284	\$ 49,712	16.6	16.3
Dropped	384	3.26	22.1	3.92	187	194	3	5	9	34	16	287	21	12	\$ 221,750	\$ 3,573	\$ 67,765	0.1	0.1
Eligible	4,447	3.79	24.5	3.52	1,774	2,627	46	27	144	265	361	3,305	178	167	\$ 5,181,661	\$ 2,115	\$ 122,768	30.2	30.0
Pending Renewal	4,268	3.58	22.8	2.40	1,822	2,427	19	18	83	415	367	3,084	164	137	\$ 4,716,825	\$ 2,081	\$ 89,921	11.1	8.6
Overall-Summary	9,235	3.67	23.60	3.17	3,824	5,342	69	50	239	740	755	6,760	368	323	\$10,470,986	\$ 2,354	\$ 104,225	19.9	18.6