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

Dear Senator Caldwell and Representative Deffenbaugh:

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated 6-85-219(b), I am submitting for your review the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) recommendations for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

I propose the creation of a scholarship appeals process to consider exceptions for students failing to meet continuing eligibility requirements for programs including, but not limited to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

Also, I propose the addition of a needs-based component to the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program in order to address the unmet needs of eligible low income students within the State.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maria Markham'.

Maria Markham, Ph.D.
Director