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The Honorable Ronald Caldwell, Chair
The Honorable Mindy McAlindon, Chair
ALC - Lottery Oversight Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Caldwell and Representative McAlindon:

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 6-85-205 (g) (1) (A), I am submitting for your review the enclosed report on the status of Workforce Challenge students for fiscal Year 2023. The attached report shows the current status of all students who received a Workforce Challenge award in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Warden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Ken Warden, Ed.D.
Commissioner

**Arkansas Division of Higher Education
Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program
Student Statuses - All Cohorts
Fiscal 2023**

Current Status	Student Count	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
Awarded	689	236	316	137	3	1	132	27	334	15	177	\$ 514,483
Declined	12	3	7	2	-	1	3	-	5	-	3	\$ 6,794
Overall-Summary	701	239	323	139	3	2	135	27	339	15	180	\$ 521,277

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Traditional

Current Status	2021-22 Student Count	2021-22 % by status	2022-23 Student Count	2022-23 % by status
Awarded	684	99%	689	98%
Declined	6	1%	12	2%
Overall-Summary	690	100%	701	100%

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Race/Ethnicity	2021-22 Student Count	2021-22 % By Status	2022-23 Student Count	2022-23 % By Status
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	1%	3	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	1%	2	0%
Black (Non- Hispanic)	214	31%	135	19%
Hispanic	42	6%	27	4%
White (Non- Hispanic)	347	50%	339	48%
2 or More Races	16	2%	15	2%
Unknown Race	56	8%	180	26%
TOTAL	690	100%	701	100%