



Division of Higher Education

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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 2024. The attached report shows the current status of all students who received a Workforce Challenge award in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024.

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 2024**

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	1,063	319	369	375	-	2	128	27	498	5	403	\$ 827,806
Declined	70	14	37	19	-	-	17	4	25	2	22	\$ 54,264
Overall-Summary	1,133	333	406	394	-	2	145	31	523	7	425	\$ 882,070

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Traditional

Current Status	2022-23 Student Count	2022-23 % by status	2023-24 Student Count	2023-24 % by status
Awarded	689	98%	1,063	94%
Declined	12	2%	70	6%
Overall-Summary	701	100%	1,133	100%

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Traditional

Race/Ethnicity	2022-23 Student Count	2022-23 % by status	2023-24 Student Count	2023-24 % by status
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	0%	-	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0%	2	0%
Black (Non- Hispanic)	135	19%	145	13%
Hispanic	27	4%	31	3%
White (Non- Hispanic)	339	48%	523	46%
2 or More Races	15	2%	7	1%
Unknown Race	180	26%	425	38%
TOTAL	701	100%	1,133	100%