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July 31, 2019

Senator Joyce Elliott, Chair
Representative Chris Richey, Chair
Arkansas Lottery Legislative Oversight Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Elliott and Representative Richey:

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 2019. 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 2019 semester. Students have until October 1, 2019 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, 2019.

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 Department of Higher Education
Academic Challenge Scholarship Program
Student Statuses - All Cohorts
Fiscal 2019**

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	579	3.57	23.6	3.41	167	391	21	1	7	40	24	419	15	73	\$ 1,184,987	\$ 4,481	\$ 57,926	30.7	30.5
Dropped	557	3.16	22.6	3.09	254	298	5	2	7	38	47	430	18	15	\$ 519,044	\$ 1,796	\$ 56,924	28.9	27.6
Eligible	1,492	3.53	23.3	3.27	554	915	23	13	13	190	81	1,068	54	73	\$ 2,272,395	\$ 1,966	\$ 66,362	31.3	30.3
Pending Renewal	25,914	3.57	23.9	3.39	10,046	15,498	370	128	556	2,177	1,847	18,541	991	1,674	\$76,515,545	\$ 2,322	\$ 82,776	30.4	30.1
Overall-Summary	28,542	3.56	23.9	3.38	11,021	17,102	419	144	583	2,445	1,999	20,458	1,078	1,835	\$80,491,971	\$ 2,337	\$ 80,905	30.5	30.1

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Completed	374	3.24	22.3	3.29	114	245	15	4	4	59	22	220	19	46	\$ 811,711	\$ 16,784	\$ 35,182	28.4	27.9
Dropped	102	2.91	21.4	3.10	30	66	6	-	3	21	3	51	7	17	\$ 141,250	\$ 20,552	\$ 21,387	20.0	18.8
Eligible	77	3.05	20.4	3.42	20	55	2	-	1	14	3	47	4	8	\$ 146,375	\$ 19,125	\$ 42,597	24.4	24.2
Pending Renewal	3,391	3.10	21.3	3.33	1,191	2,089	111	22	44	571	253	1,929	135	437	\$11,010,304	\$ 16,235	\$ 39,753	25.9	25.4
Overall-Summary	3,944	3.11	21.4	3.32	1,355	2,455	134	26	52	665	281	2,247	165	508	\$12,109,640	\$ 16,443	\$ 39,018	26.1	25.6

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Completed	953	3.47	23.3	3.38	281	636	36	5	11	99	46	639	34	119	\$ 1,996,698	\$ 9,309	\$ 49,000	30.0	29.7
Dropped	659	3.14	22.5	3.09	284	364	11	2	10	59	50	481	25	32	\$ 660,294	\$ 4,699	\$ 51,424	26.8	25.6
Eligible	1,569	3.52	23.2	3.28	574	970	25	13	14	204	84	1,115	58	81	\$ 2,418,770	\$ 2,808	\$ 65,196	31.0	30.0
Pending Renewal	29,305	3.53	23.7	3.38	11,237	17,587	481	150	600	2,748	2,100	20,470	1,126	2,111	\$87,525,849	\$ 3,932	\$ 77,798	30.0	29.7
Overall-Summary	32,486	3.52	23.7	3.37	12,376	19,557	553	170	635	3,110	2,280	22,705	1,243	2,343	\$92,601,611	\$ 4,051	\$ 75,814	30.1	29.7

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Completed	1	3.67	23.0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	\$ 547	\$ -	\$ 23,228	-	-
Dropped	404	3.06	22.4	-	202	201	1	2	4	28	34	311	17	8	\$ 211,669	\$ 1,069	\$ 60,168	-	-
Eligible	556	3.48	22.9	3.29	224	332	-	8	6	84	31	396	23	8	\$ 296,571	\$ 1,403	\$ 67,466	29.5	29.5
Pending Renewal	9,789	3.50	23.4	1.37	3,968	5,776	45	49	205	917	770	7,260	381	207	\$10,036,740	\$ 1,445	\$ 90,354	13.5	13.5
Overall-Summary	10,750	3.48	23.3	1.44	4,394	6,310	46	59	215	1,029	836	7,967	421	223	\$10,545,527	\$ 1,429	\$ 88,014	14.4	14.4

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Completed	52	2.91	22.1	-	13	34	5	2	-	10	-	31	-	9	\$ 114,086	\$ 24,956	\$ 33,000	-	-
Dropped	43	2.73	21.1	-	13	27	3	-	1	3	2	26	3	8	\$ 50,625	\$ 21,891	\$ 26,966	-	-
Eligible	22	2.80	20.5	2.56	5	15	2	-	1	3	1	13	1	3	\$ 36,875	\$ 16,579	\$ 44,181	17.0	17.0
Pending Renewal	1,368	2.99	20.6	3.36	478	851	39	7	13	245	100	753	59	191	\$ 3,847,396	\$ 17,729	\$ 39,402	19.3	18.5
Overall-Summary	1,485	2.98	20.69	3.19	509	927	49	9	15	261	103	823	63	211	\$ 4,048,982	\$ 18,076	\$ 39,222	18.0	17.3

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Completed	53	2.94	22.1	-	13	35	5	2	-	10	1	31	-	9	\$ 114,633	\$ 24,485	\$ 32,816	-	-
Dropped	447	3.04	22.3	-	215	228	4	2	5	31	36	337	20	16	\$ 262,294	\$ 3,072	\$ 56,974	-	-
Eligible	578	3.47	22.8	3.05	229	347	2	8	7	87	32	409	24	11	\$ 333,446	\$ 1,980	\$ 66,580	25.3	25.3
Pending Renewal	11,157	3.46	23.2	2.01	4,446	6,627	84	56	218	1,162	870	8,013	440	398	\$13,884,136	\$ 3,442	\$ 84,107	15.4	15.1
Overall-Summary	12,235	3.45	23.15	2.02	4,903	7,237	95	68	230	1,290	939	8,790	484	434	\$14,594,509	\$ 3,450	\$ 82,090	15.6	15.4