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July 31, 2018

The Honorable Keith Ingram, Chair
The Honorable Chris Richey, Chair
Arkansas Lottery Legislative Oversight Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Ingram 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 2018. 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 2018 semester. Students have until October 1, 2018 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, 2018.

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 2018**

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	5,087	3.56	24.1	3.35	1,853	3,086	148	51	3	392	236	3,947	6	452	\$21,248,500	\$ 4,772	\$ 60,460	28.9	28.6
Dropped	952	3.03	22.3	3.12	467	478	7	7	9	58	29	709	25	115	\$ 427,873	\$ 1,880	\$ 53,905	33.0	33.0
Eligible	23,397	3.60	24.2	3.39	8,724	14,102	571	120	365	1,726	1,029	16,737	447	2,973	\$40,703,561	\$ 2,109	\$ 89,643	30.6	30.4
Pending Renewal	10,994	3.24	22.2	2.36	5,066	5,724	204	73	157	1,335	507	7,278	252	1,392	\$17,534,598	\$ 2,772	\$ 71,651	24.7	19.4
Overall-Summary	40,430	3.48	23.6	3.12	16,110	23,390	930	251	534	3,511	1,801	28,671	730	4,932	\$79,914,532	\$ 2,619	\$ 80,229	28.8	27.3

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Completed	1,403	3.07	21.6	3.30	454	892	57	15	10	222	68	888	8	192	\$ 4,325,728	\$ 19,446	\$ 30,356	26.3	25.8
Dropped	149	2.92	22.2	-	54	88	7	-	2	28	8	79	2	30	\$ 98,782	\$ 14,086	\$ 25,836	-	-
Eligible	2,801	3.07	21.5	3.36	928	1,773	100	32	32	373	175	1,718	41	430	\$ 4,795,868	\$ 18,570	\$ 41,057	26.0	25.6
Pending Renewal	1,214	2.90	21.1	2.69	438	721	55	6	14	250	90	633	15	206	\$ 2,822,683	\$ 14,546	\$ 37,150	20.7	16.7
Overall-Summary	5,567	3.02	21.4	3.21	1,874	3,474	219	53	58	873	341	3,318	66	858	\$12,043,060	\$ 17,792	\$ 37,122	25.0	23.8

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Completed	6,490	3.49	23.8	3.34	2,307	3,978	205	66	13	614	304	4,835	14	644	\$25,574,228	\$ 7,944	\$ 53,952	28.5	28.1
Dropped	1,101	3.02	22.3	3.12	521	566	14	7	11	86	37	788	27	145	\$ 526,655	\$ 3,532	\$ 50,106	33.0	33.0
Eligible	26,198	3.56	24.0	3.39	9,652	15,875	671	152	397	2,099	1,204	18,455	488	3,403	\$45,499,429	\$ 3,869	\$ 84,449	30.1	29.9
Pending Renewal	12,208	3.22	22.1	2.39	5,504	6,445	259	79	171	1,585	597	7,911	267	1,598	\$20,357,280	\$ 3,943	\$ 68,220	24.4	19.2
Overall-Summary	45,997	3.44	23.4	3.13	17,984	26,864	1,149	304	592	4,384	2,142	31,989	796	5,790	\$91,957,592	\$ 4,456	\$ 75,010	28.4	26.9

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Completed	41	3.23	19.2	3.11	20	21	-	1	-	3	9	24	1	3	\$ 36,000	\$ 1,570	\$ 43,740	22.9	22.8
Dropped	390	2.96	22.0	-	203	185	2	5	2	24	10	313	14	22	\$ 193,000	\$ 878	\$ 59,724	-	-
Eligible	6,463	3.60	23.9	3.41	2,429	3,996	38	38	111	481	266	4,996	164	407	\$ 7,144,590	\$ 902	\$ 104,515	30.5	30.2
Pending Renewal	4,393	3.22	22.1	2.20	2,029	2,346	18	27	77	555	194	3,123	121	296	\$ 3,981,087	\$ 2,581	\$ 77,572	23.7	18.6
Overall-Summary	11,287	3.43	23.1	2.98	4,681	6,548	58	71	190	1,063	479	8,456	300	728	\$11,354,677	\$ 1,557	\$ 92,239	28.1	26.1

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Completed	261	3.08	21.7	3.37	81	168	12	5	2	41	10	153	2	48	\$ 1,601,973	\$ 23,828	\$ 24,265	22.4	22.0
Dropped	27	2.85	20.4	-	7	18	2	-	1	4	3	11	-	8	\$ 48,750	\$ 20,219	\$ 16,639	-	-
Eligible	770	3.01	21.0	3.38	259	489	22	6	13	107	38	455	14	137	\$ 2,587,368	\$ 19,014	\$ 37,496	26.3	25.7
Pending Renewal	383	2.78	20.6	2.82	131	238	14	3	12	86	21	192	8	61	\$ 1,497,501	\$ 18,091	\$ 27,202	20.3	16.7
Overall-Summary	1,441	2.95	20.96	3.26	478	913	50	14	28	238	72	811	24	254	\$ 5,735,592	\$ 19,660	\$ 32,032	24.8	23.6

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Completed	302	3.13	20.8	3.24	101	189	12	6	2	44	19	177	3	51	\$ 1,637,973	\$ 20,806	\$ 26,909	22.6	22.4
Dropped	417	2.96	21.9	-	210	203	4	5	3	28	13	324	14	30	\$ 241,750	\$ 2,131	\$ 56,934	-	-
Eligible	7,233	3.57	23.8	3.40	2,688	4,485	60	44	124	588	304	5,451	178	544	\$ 9,731,958	\$ 2,830	\$ 97,380	30.0	29.7
Pending Renewal	4,776	3.20	22.0	2.24	2,160	2,584	32	30	89	641	215	3,315	129	357	\$ 5,478,588	\$ 3,825	\$ 73,532	23.5	18.5
Overall-Summary	12,728	3.40	22.99	3.01	5,159	7,461	108	85	218	1,301	551	9,267	324	982	\$17,090,269	\$ 3,608	\$ 85,417	27.8	25.9