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31 <u>one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours</u> .		
32 <u>(ii) A recipient may continue to receive a</u>		
33 <u>scholarship after he or she has earned one hundred twenty (120) semester</u>		
34 <u>credit hours, but not more than one hundred thirty (130) semester credit</u>		
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1	<u>under § 6-61-232.</u>
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3	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1)(A), concerning scholarship
4	award amounts, is amended to read as follows:
5	(e)(l)(A) Beginning with the 2015-2016 <u>2015-2016</u> academic year, the
6	scholarship award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a
7	full-time recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher
8	education is:
9	(i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a recipient in
10	his or her freshman year who has earned less than twenty-seven (27) semester
11	<u>credit hours;</u>
12	(ii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a recipient
13	in his or her sophomore year <u>who has earned at least twenty-seven (27)</u>
14	semester credit hours but less than fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours;
15	(iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient
16	in his or her junior year <u>who has earned at least fifty-seven (57) semester</u>
17	credit hours but less than eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours; and
18	(iv) <u>(a)</u> Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a
19	recipient in his or her senior year <u>who has earned at least eighty-seven (87)</u>
20	semester credit hours but no more than one hundred twenty (120) semester
21	credit hours unless the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree
22	program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit
23	hours, but not more than one hundred thirty (130) semester credit hours, as
24	provided under § 6-61-232, then up to the number of credit hours required to
25	complete the baccalaureate program.
26	(b) A recipient shall receive no more than one
27	(1) year of a five-thousand-dollar scholarship provided under subdivision
28	(e)(l)(A)(vi)(a) of this section unless the recipient is enrolled in a
29	baccalaureate degree program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120)
30	semester credit hours as provided under § 6-61-232.
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32	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(e)(1), concerning scholarship
33	award amounts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
34	follows:
35	(C)(i) To determine the correct scholarship award amount
36	based on credit hours, a recipient shall submit a current transcript to the

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1	Department of Higher Education no later than June 1 each year.
2	(ii) A first-time recipient who does not submit a
3	transcript to the department on or before June 1 shall receive the award
4	amount under subdivision (e)(l)(A)(i) of this section.
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