



**Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education  
Academic Challenge Scholarship Program  
Award Data**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025 Projected</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	33,225	33,010	32,486	31,649	30,580	30,580	26,126	29,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 86,199,891	\$ 91,957,592	\$ 92,601,611	\$ 90,631,361	\$ 87,659,581	\$ 87,659,581	\$ 75,902,679	\$ 92,000,000

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**Student Statuses – All Cohorts**  
**FISCAL 2024**

**Students by Status – All Cohorts**

	Current Status	Student Count	Average High School GPA	Average ACT	Average College GPA	Average Attempted Hours	Average Earned Hours
Traditional	Completed	4,437	3.84	25.0	3.53	29	29
	Dropped	3,205	3.48	21.7	3.30	3	3
	Eligible	15,835	3.84	24.0	3.55	8	8
	Overall-Summary	23,477	3.72	23.6	3.46	13	13
Non-Traditional	Completed	856	559.54	21.5	3.43	7	7
	Dropped	323	3.12	20.6	3.38	3	3
	Eligible	1,470	3.38	20.7	3.39	2	2
	Overall-Summary	2,649	188.68	20.9	3.40	4	4
All Categories	Completed	5,293	76.51	24.6	3.52	25	25
	Dropped	3,528	3.45	21.7	3.31	3	3
	Eligible	17,305	3.81	23.8	3.55	7	7
	Overall-Summary	26,126	27.92	23.4	3.46	12	12

Student Status by Gender – All Cohorts

	Current Status	Student Count	
		#	%
Traditional	Completed	4,437	18.9%
	Dropped	3,205	13.7%
	Eligible	15,835	67.4%
	Overall-Summary	23,477	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	856	32.3%
	Dropped	323	12.2%
	Eligible	1,470	55.5%
	Overall-Summary	2,649	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	5,293	20.3%
	Dropped	3,528	13.5%
	Eligible	17,305	66.2%
	Overall-Summary	26,126	100.0%

Male		Female		Unknown Gender	
#	%	#	%	#	%
1,737	19.3%	2,675	19.7%	25	2.7%
1,392	15.5%	1,639	12.1%	174	18.6%
5,865	65.2%	9,233	68.2%	737	78.7%
8,994	100.0%	13,547	100.0%	936	100.0%
298	30.5%	507	34.9%	51	23.3%
137	14.0%	154	10.6%	32	14.6%
543	55.5%	791	54.5%	136	62.1%
978	100.0%	1,452	100.0%	219	100.0%
2,035	20.4%	3,182	21.2%	76	6.6%
1,529	15.3%	1,793	12.0%	206	17.8%
6,408	64.3%	10,024	66.8%	873	75.6%
9,972	100.0%	14,999	100.0%	1,155	100.0%

Note: Counts of 10 or fewer are not shown due to FERPA restrictions.

**Student Status by Race/Ethnicity – All Cohorts**

	Current Status	Student Count	American Indian or		Asian/Pacific		Black (Non-		Hispanic		White (Non-		2 or More Races		Unknown Race	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Traditional	Completed	4,437	12	8.8%	118	16.7%	261	17.0%	367	18.9%	3,456	19.9%	130	24.0%	93	7.6%
	Dropped	3,205	22	16.1%	62	8.8%	286	18.6%	283	14.5%	2,299	13.2%	53	9.8%	200	16.3%
	Eligible	15,835	103	75.2%	527	74.5%	992	64.5%	1,296	66.6%	11,621	66.9%	359	66.2%	937	76.2%
	Overall-Summary	23,477	137	100.0%	707	100.0%	1,539	100.0%	1,946	100.0%	17,376	100.0%	542	100.0%	1,230	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	856	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	133	35.7%	83	30.1%	506	33.5%	40	36.0%	78	25.2%
	Dropped	323	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	54	14.5%	32	11.6%	175	11.6%	14	12.6%	42	13.5%
	Eligible	1,470	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	186	49.9%	161	58.3%	831	55.0%	57	51.4%	190	61.3%
	Overall-Summary	2,649	11	100.0%	56	100.0%	373	100.0%	276	100.0%	1,512	100.0%	111	100.0%	310	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	5,293	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	394	20.6%	450	20.3%	3,962	21.0%	170	26.0%	171	11.1%
	Dropped	3,528	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	340	17.8%	315	14.2%	2,474	13.1%	67	10.3%	242	15.7%
	Eligible	17,305	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	1,178	61.6%	1,457	65.6%	12,452	65.9%	416	63.7%	1,127	73.2%
	Overall-Summary	26,126	148	100.0%	763	100.0%	1,912	100.0%	2,222	100.0%	18,888	100.0%	653	100.0%	1,540	100.0%

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FISCAL 2024**

**Students by Status – 2024 Cohort**

	Current Status	Student Count	Average High School GPA	Average ACT	Average College GPA	Average Attempted Hours	Average Earned Hours
Traditional	Completed	32	3.47	19.4	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	2,048	3.38	21.1	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	6,442	3.81	23.2	0.00	0	0
	Overall-Summary	8,522	3.55	21.2	0.00	0	0
Non-Traditional	Completed	157	3570.17	20.4	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	164	3.02	20.1	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	659	3.36	20.4	0.00	0	0
	Overall-Summary	980	1192.19	20.3	0.00	0	0
All Categories	Completed	189	2730.95	20.2	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	2,212	3.36	21.0	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	7,101	3.78	23.0	0.00	0	0
	Overall-Summary	9,502	912.70	21.4	0.00	0	0

**Student Status by Gender – 2024 Cohort**

	Current Status	Student Count	
		#	%
Traditional	Completed	32	0.4%
	Dropped	2,048	24.0%
	Eligible	6,442	75.6%
	Overall-Summary	8,522	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	157	16.0%
	Dropped	164	16.7%
	Eligible	659	67.2%
	Overall-Summary	980	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	189	2.0%
	Dropped	2,212	23.3%
	Eligible	7,101	74.7%
	Overall-Summary	9,502	100.0%

Male		Female		Unknown Gender	
#	%	#	%	#	%
FERPA	FERPA	13	0.3%	FERPA	FERPA
FERPA	FERPA	1,019	22.5%	FERPA	FERPA
FERPA	FERPA	3,499	77.2%	FERPA	FERPA
3,143	100.0%	4,531	100.0%	848	100.0%
33	9.9%	81	18.1%	43	21.5%
70	21.1%	67	15.0%	27	13.5%
229	69.0%	300	67.0%	130	65.0%
332	100.0%	448	100.0%	200	100.0%
FERPA	FERPA	94	1.9%	FERPA	FERPA
FERPA	FERPA	1,086	21.8%	FERPA	FERPA
FERPA	FERPA	3,799	76.3%	FERPA	FERPA
3,475	100.0%	4,979	100.0%	1,048	100.0%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Traditional	Completed	32	-	0.0%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	26	0.4%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	2,048	13	17.8%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	1,470	24.5%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Eligible	6,442	60	82.2%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	4,501	75.1%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	8,522	73	100.0%	252	100.0%	629	100.0%	692	100.0%	5,997	100.0%	16	100.0%	863	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	157	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	37	27.2%	FERPA	FERPA	58	12.2%	FERPA	FERPA	45	20.0%
	Dropped	164	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	21	15.4%	FERPA	FERPA	83	17.4%	FERPA	FERPA	31	13.8%
	Eligible	659	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	78	57.4%	FERPA	FERPA	335	70.4%	FERPA	FERPA	149	66.2%
	Overall-Summary	980	4	100.0%	16	100.0%	136	100.0%	82	100.0%	476	100.0%	41	100.0%	225	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	189	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	39	5.1%	FERPA	FERPA	84	1.3%	FERPA	FERPA	47	4.3%
	Dropped	2,212	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	200	26.1%	FERPA	FERPA	1,553	24.0%	FERPA	FERPA	202	18.6%
	Eligible	7,101	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	526	68.8%	FERPA	FERPA	4,836	74.7%	FERPA	FERPA	839	77.1%
	Overall-Summary	9,502	77	100.0%	268	100.0%	765	100.0%	774	100.0%	6,473	100.0%	57	100.0%	1,088	100.0%

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