



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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Projected
TOTAL	33,225	33,010	32,486	31,649	30,580	26,120	26,123	27,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 86,199,891	\$ 91,957,592	\$ 92,601,611	\$ 90,631,361	\$ 87,659,581	\$ 74,921,725	\$ 74,342,018	\$ 75,000,000

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Student Statuses – All Cohorts
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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	4,517	3.73	24.0	3.50	29	29
	Dropped	3,621	3.46	22.2	3.15	10	10
	Eligible	15,312	3.82	24.6	3.53	17	17
	Overall-Summary	23,450	3.67	23.6	3.39	19	19
Non-Traditional	Completed	1,322	3.63	23.3	3.47	25	25
	Dropped	396	3.36	21.8	3.27	8	8
	Eligible	955	3.46	21.3	3.45	4	4
	Overall-Summary	2,673	3.49	22.1	3.40	13	12
All Categories	Completed	5,839	3.70	23.9	3.49	28	28
	Dropped	4,017	3.45	22.2	3.16	10	10
	Eligible	16,267	3.80	24.4	3.53	16	16
	Overall-Summary	26,123	3.65	23.5	3.39	18	18

Student Status by Gender – All Cohorts

	Current Status	Student Count	
		#	%
Traditional	Completed	4,517	19.3%
	Dropped	3,621	15.4%
	Eligible	15,312	65.3%
	Overall-Summary	23,450	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	1,322	49.5%
	Dropped	396	14.8%
	Eligible	955	35.7%
	Overall-Summary	2,673	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	5,839	22.4%
	Dropped	4,017	15.4%
	Eligible	16,267	62.3%
	Overall-Summary	26,123	100.0%

Male		Female		Unknown Gender	
#	%	#	%	#	%
1,583	17.1%	2,905	20.7%	29	20.4%
1,668	18.0%	1,934	13.8%	19	13.4%
6,007	64.9%	9,211	65.6%	94	66.2%
9,258	100.0%	14,050	100.0%	142	100.0%
502	49.0%	811	49.8%	FERPA	FERPA
169	16.5%	223	13.7%	FERPA	FERPA
353	34.5%	593	36.4%	FERPA	FERPA
1,024	100.0%	1,627	100.0%	22	100.0%
2,085	20.3%	3,716	23.7%	38	23.2%
1,837	17.9%	2,157	13.8%	23	14.0%
6,360	61.9%	9,804	62.5%	103	62.8%
10,282	100.0%	15,677	100.0%	164	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	4,517	29	22.3%	115	17.6%	383	22.4%	285	14.6%	3,379	19.3%	168	19.1%	158	24.3%
	Dropped	3,621	31	23.8%	66	10.1%	362	21.2%	349	17.9%	2,554	14.6%	170	19.3%	89	13.7%
	Eligible	15,312	70	53.8%	471	72.2%	966	56.5%	1,320	67.6%	11,542	66.0%	541	61.5%	402	61.9%
	Overall-Summary	23,450	130	100.0%	652	100.0%	1,711	100.0%	1,954	100.0%	17,475	100.0%	879	100.0%	649	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	1,322	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	144	43.0%	121	48.4%	927	51.0%	45	49.5%	39	39.0%
	Dropped	396	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	49	14.6%	33	13.2%	278	15.3%	12	13.2%	15	15.0%
	Eligible	955	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	142	42.4%	96	38.4%	611	33.6%	34	37.4%	46	46.0%
	Overall-Summary	2,673	16	100.0%	65	100.0%	335	100.0%	250	100.0%	1,816	100.0%	91	100.0%	100	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	5,839	38	26.0%	152	21.2%	527	25.8%	406	18.4%	4,306	22.3%	213	22.0%	197	26.3%
	Dropped	4,017	36	24.7%	70	9.8%	411	20.1%	382	17.3%	2,832	14.7%	182	18.8%	104	13.9%
	Eligible	16,267	72	49.3%	495	69.0%	1,108	54.2%	1,416	64.2%	12,153	63.0%	575	59.3%	448	59.8%
	Overall-Summary	26,123	146	100.0%	717	100.0%	2,046	100.0%	2,204	100.0%	19,291	100.0%	970	100.0%	749	100.0%

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Students by Status – 2023 Cohort

	Current Status	Student Count	Average High School GPA	Average ACT	Average College GPA	Average Attempted Hours	Average Earned Hours
Traditional	Completed	183	3.35	21.6	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	2,239	3.36	21.6	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	6,434	3.78	23.9	2.03	0	0
	Overall-Summary	8,856	3.50	22.4	0.68	0	0
Non-Traditional	Completed	83	3.19	21.5	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	280	3.29	21.4	0.83	0	0
	Eligible	834	3.66	23.0	2.20	0	0
	Overall-Summary	1,197	3.38	22.0	1.01	0	0
All Categories	Completed	266	3.30	21.6	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	2,519	3.35	21.6	0.62	0	0
	Eligible	7,268	3.77	23.8	2.16	0	0
	Overall-Summary	10,053	3.47	22.3	0.93	0	0

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Student Status by Gender – 2023 Cohort

	Current Status	Student Count	
		#	%
Traditional	Completed	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	404	FERPA
	Eligible	10,345	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	FERPA	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	52	3.5%
	Dropped	43	2.9%
	Eligible	1,390	93.6%
	Overall-Summary	1,485	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	447	FERPA
	Eligible	11,735	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	FERPA	100.0%

Male		Female		Unknown Gender	
#	%	#	%	#	%
FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
202	FERPA	201	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
4,192	FERPA	6,108	FERPA	45	97.8%
FERPA	100.0%	FERPA	100.0%	46	100.0%
13	2.6%	34	3.7%	FERPA	FERPA
13	2.6%	27	2.9%	FERPA	FERPA
483	94.9%	866	93.4%	41	83.7%
509	100.0%	927	100.0%	49	100.0%
13	0.3%	35	0.5%	FERPA	FERPA
215	4.4%	228	3.2%	FERPA	FERPA
4,675	95.3%	6,974	96.4%	86	90.5%
4,903	100.0%	7,237	100.0%	95	100.0%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Traditional	Completed	183	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	116	1.8%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	2,239	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	1,566	24.2%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Eligible	6,434	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	4,783	74.0%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	8,856	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	693	100.0%	838	100.0%	6,465	100.0%	349	100.0%	217	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	83	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	46	5.7%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	280	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	201	24.9%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Eligible	834	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	560	69.4%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	1,197	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	127	100.0%	125	100.0%	807	100.0%	49	100.0%	48	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	266	-	0.0%	7	2.6%	33	4.0%	28	2.9%	162	2.2%	15	3.8%	21	7.9%
	Dropped	2,519	25	41.0%	44	16.1%	257	31.3%	252	26.2%	1,767	24.3%	115	28.9%	59	22.3%
	Eligible	7,268	36	59.0%	223	81.4%	530	64.6%	683	70.9%	5,343	73.5%	268	67.3%	185	69.8%
	Overall-Summary	10,053	61	100.0%	274	100.0%	820	100.0%	963	100.0%	7,272	100.0%	398	100.0%	265	100.0%

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