

**0700 - EDUCATION - DIV. OF HIGHER
EDUCATION
FISCAL YEAR 2026
AS ENACTED BY ACT 610 OF 2025**

The mission of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) is to advocate for higher education, promote a coordinated system, and assist the publicly and locally supported institutions in improving services to the citizens. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, staffed by ADHE, determines the role and scope of each public institution, approves new academic programs, reviews existing programs, analyzes and reports institutional and student data, and recommends special language, personnel, funding and appropriation amounts and administers statewide financial aid programs. Northwest Technical Institute Appropriation is also included in the Division of Higher Education Appropriation.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2024-2025	2025-2026
		Authorized	Legislative
153	General Operations	\$4,274,863	\$4,549,053
156	Research Development Program Grants	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
197	Student Asst Grants/Scholarships	\$64,950,000	\$71,550,000
2XK	TANF	\$10,401,928	\$10,150,000
59B	ADHE-Scholarship Admn	\$1,176,954	\$714,253
772	Technical Education-Federal Programs	\$548,584	\$534,656
921	Division Higher Education - Cash in Treasury	\$416,030	\$416,030
BG6	AR Teacher Academy Scholarship Program	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
DA7	Sustainable Building Maintenance Loan	\$4,555,985	\$7,437,405
E80	HBCU-Grants	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
E83	GradMedEd	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
HEG	Health Education Grants & Loans	\$7,117,770	\$7,117,770
N60	WF Initiative Act of 2015	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
V40	ADHE - Private Career Ed - Treasury Cash	\$20,500	\$20,500
V41	ADHE - Private Career Ed - Operations	\$308,192	\$312,410
V42	ADHE - Private Career Ed - Student Prote	\$300,000	\$300,000
X60	Osteo Rural Medical Scholar Prog	\$400,000	\$400,000

Y85	Web Based Applications	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
Z14	Veterans Approving Agency-Federal	\$361,019	\$391,437
Z15	AmeriCorps Operations	\$965,983	\$983,244
Z16	AmeriCorps Grants	\$2,010,704	\$2,010,704
721	Northwest TI-State	\$6,128,305	\$5,565,744
722	Northwest TI-Federal	\$348,836	\$316,156
B60	Northwest TI-Cash	\$4,310,649	\$4,712,137
Total		\$146,596,302	\$152,731,499

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	25.9
General Revenue	4000010	43.5
Federal Revenue	4000020	11.6
Educational Excellence Fund	4000220	17.6
Other	4000370	1.4
Total Funds		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

General Operations (Appropriation 153)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$959,346	\$909,346	(\$50,000)
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$24,659	\$49,659	\$25,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$50,000	\$25,000	(\$25,000)
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total		\$3,904,863	\$4,179,053	\$274,190

- Appropriations are reallocated across line items to better reflect anticipated spending.

Research Development Program Grants (Appropriation 156)

Commitment Item	2024-2025	2025-2026
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		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	(\$250,000)
Total		\$1,000,000	\$750,000	(\$250,000)

- Grants and Aid appropriation is reduced to reflect actual funding.

Student Asst Grants/Scholarships (Appropriation 197)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100030	Dependents-KIA'S, MIA's, POW'S, etc.	\$1,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,000,000
5100030	Dependents-Law Enf. Off, etc	\$400,000	\$1,000,000	\$600,000
Total		\$1,900,000	\$5,500,000	\$3,600,000

- Scholarship Program increases are due to changes in statute that expanded eligibility for both programs.

TANF (Appropriation 2XK)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$6,821,431	\$6,547,850	(\$273,581)
Total		\$7,191,928	\$6,940,000	(\$251,928)

- Appropriation is reduced to better reflect anticipated funding for TANF.

ADHE-Scholarship Admn (Appropriation 59B)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$500,000	\$285,000	(\$215,000)
Total		\$1,136,954	\$674,253	(\$462,701)

- Appropriations are decreased from this line as most of these expenses are paid from the Operations appropriation.

Web Based Applications (Appropriation Y85)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900049	Web Based Applications Personal Services and Operating Expen	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	(\$500,000)

Total	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	(\$500,000)
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- **Appropriation is reduced to reflect the wind down of this program.**

Northwest TI-Cash (Appropriation B60)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$1,394,530	\$1,894,530	\$500,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$375,000	\$275,000	(\$100,000)
Total		\$3,214,199	\$3,615,687	\$401,488

- **Operating Expenses are increased to accommodate investment from private businesses and community partners for education programs. Professional fees are reduced to accommodate anticipated funding amounts.**

Governor's Letter #23 deletes the previous Regular Salary section for the Northwest Technical Institute and inserts a new Regular Salary section with new position titles and grades. The total number of positions remains the same - (79)

Governor's Letter #28 modified the Higher Education Grants Scholarship Appropriation, striking two scholarship programs, increasing the National Guard Appropriation and creating the new "Arkansas Heroes" scholarship appropriated at \$5,500,000. The letter also increased the Sustainable Building Maintenance Program for State Supported Institutions of Higher Education to \$7,437,405.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 133

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Increase / (Decrease): 2

Extra Help Positions FY2026: 152

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

Per Governor's Letter #28 Section 36 is changed to removed references to "Scholarship and Grant" promotion regarding the use of Higher Education Grant Funding for promotional purposes.