



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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Projected
TOTAL	33,010	32,486	31,649	30,580	30,580	26,117	27,168	31,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 91,957,592	\$ 92,601,611	\$ 90,631,361	\$ 87,659,581	\$ 87,659,581	\$ 75,852,554	\$ 99,075,182	\$ 108,000,000

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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	4,469	3.86	24.7	3.56	26	26
	Dropped	2,958	3.46	21.5	3.37	0	0
	Eligible	16,597	3.83	23.5	3.50	0	0
	Overall-Summary	24,024	3.72	23.2	3.47	9	9
Non-Traditional	Completed	1,107	3.43	21.0	3.34	1	1
	Dropped	313	3.20	19.8	3.48	1	1
	Eligible	1,687	3.37	20.7	3.46	0	0
	Overall-Summary	3,107	3.33	20.5	3.43	1	1
All Categories	Completed	5,611	3.79	24.1	3.55	21	21
	Dropped	3,271	3.44	21.4	3.39	0	0
	Eligible	18,288	3.80	23.3	3.49	0	0
	Overall-Summary	27,170	3.68	22.9	3.48	7	7

Student Status by Gender – All Cohorts

	Current Status	Student Count	
		#	%
Traditional	Completed	4,469	18.6%
	Dropped	2,958	12.3%
	Eligible	16,597	69.1%
	Overall-Summary	24,024	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	1,107	35.6%
	Dropped	313	10.1%
	Eligible	1,687	54.3%
	Overall-Summary	3,107	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	5,611	20.7%
	Dropped	3,271	12.0%
	Eligible	18,288	67.3%
	Overall-Summary	27,170	100.0%

Male		Female		Unknown Gender	
#	%	#	%	#	%
1,691	19.2%	2,729	20.4%	49	2.7%
1,289	14.6%	1,449	10.8%	220	12.3%
5,849	66.2%	9,230	68.8%	1,518	84.9%
8,829	100.0%	13,408	100.0%	1,787	100.0%
390	36.7%	595	38.9%	122	23.7%
114	10.7%	143	9.4%	56	10.9%
560	52.6%	790	51.7%	337	65.4%
1,064	100.0%	1,528	100.0%	515	100.0%
2,096	21.2%	3,340	22.3%	175	7.6%
1,403	14.2%	1,592	10.6%	276	12.0%
6,410	64.7%	10,023	67.0%	1,855	80.4%
9,909	100.0%	14,955	100.0%	2,306	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	4,469	22	12.9%	146	20.1%	258	15.5%	329	16.3%	3,397	19.9%	160	46.0%	157	7.9%
	Dropped	2,958	32	18.8%	51	7.0%	262	15.7%	258	12.7%	2,106	12.3%	16	4.6%	233	11.7%
	Eligible	16,597	116	68.2%	530	72.9%	1,147	68.8%	1,437	71.0%	11,594	67.8%	172	49.4%	1,601	80.4%
	Overall-Summary	24,024	170	100.0%	727	100.0%	1,667	100.0%	2,024	100.0%	17,097	100.0%	348	100.0%	1,991	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	1,107	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	150	36.3%	121	39.2%	612	38.0%	32	31.7%	162	27.3%
	Dropped	313	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	60	14.5%	29	9.4%	149	9.2%	12	11.9%	61	10.3%
	Eligible	1,687	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	203	49.2%	159	51.5%	851	52.8%	57	56.4%	370	62.4%
	Overall-Summary	3,107	12	100.0%	67	100.0%	413	100.0%	309	100.0%	1,612	100.0%	101	100.0%	593	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	5,611	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	411	19.7%	453	19.4%	4,034	21.5%	192	42.8%	323	12.5%
	Dropped	3,271	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	322	15.5%	287	12.3%	2,255	12.0%	28	6.2%	294	11.4%
	Eligible	18,288	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	1,350	64.8%	1,596	68.3%	12,449	66.4%	229	51.0%	1,971	76.2%
	Overall-Summary	27,170	182	100.0%	794	100.0%	2,083	100.0%	2,336	100.0%	18,738	100.0%	449	100.0%	2,588	100.0%

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Students by Status – 2025 Cohort

	Current Status	Student Count	Average High School GPA	Average ACT	Average College GPA	Average Attempted Hours	Average Earned Hours
Traditional	Completed	128	3.75	21.3	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	238	3.27	20.7	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	10,075	3.74	22.7	0.00	0	0
	Overall-Summary	10,441	3.58	21.6	0.00	0	0
Non-Traditional	Completed	285	3.40	20.6	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	23	3.34	21.4	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	1,087	3.31	20.1	0.00	0	0
	Overall-Summary	1,395	3.35	20.7	0.00	0	0
All Categories	Completed	413	3.54	20.9	0.00	0	0
	Dropped	261	3.27	20.8	0.00	0	0
	Eligible	11,162	3.70	22.5	0.00	0	0
	Overall-Summary	11,836	3.50	21.4	0.00	0	0

Student Status by Gender – 2025 Cohort

	Current Status	Student Count	
		#	%
Traditional	Completed	128	1.2%
	Dropped	238	2.3%
	Eligible	10,075	96.5%
	Overall-Summary	10,441	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	285	20.4%
	Dropped	23	1.6%
	Eligible	1,087	77.9%
	Overall-Summary	1,395	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	413	3.5%
	Dropped	261	2.2%
	Eligible	11,162	94.3%
	Overall-Summary	11,836	100.0%

Male		Female		Unknown Gender	
#	%	#	%	#	%
49	1.3%	75	1.3%	FERPA	FERPA
105	2.8%	112	2.0%	FERPA	FERPA
3,635	95.9%	5,369	96.6%	FERPA	FERPA
3,789	100.0%	5,556	100.0%	1,096	100.0%
FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
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409	100.0%	600	100.0%	386	100.0%
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4,198	100.0%	6,156	100.0%	1,482	100.0%

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Student Status by Race/Ethnicity – 2025 Cohort

	Current Status	Student Count	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		Black (Non-Hispanic)		Hispanic		White (Non-Hispanic)		2 or More Races		Unknown Race	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Traditional	Completed	128	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	15	1.6%	104	1.4%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	238	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	20	2.2%	170	2.3%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Eligible	10,075	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	877	96.2%	6,974	96.2%	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	10,441	91	100.0%	273	100.0%	800	100.0%	912	100.0%	7,248	100.0%	5	100.0%	1,112	100.0%
Non-Traditional	Completed	285	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	119	19.7%	11	34.4%	FERPA	FERPA
	Dropped	23	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	10	1.7%	-	0.0%	FERPA	FERPA
	Eligible	1,087	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	474	78.6%	21	65.6%	FERPA	FERPA
	Overall-Summary	1,395	5	100.0%	23	100.0%	197	100.0%	128	100.0%	603	100.0%	32	100.0%	407	100.0%
All Categories	Completed	413	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	41	4.1%	FERPA	FERPA	223	2.8%	FERPA	FERPA	90	5.9%
	Dropped	261	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	24	2.4%	FERPA	FERPA	180	2.3%	FERPA	FERPA	29	1.9%
	Eligible	11,162	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	FERPA	932	93.5%	FERPA	FERPA	7,448	94.9%	FERPA	FERPA	1,400	92.2%
	Overall-Summary	11,836	96	100.0%	296	100.0%	997	100.0%	1,040	100.0%	7,851	100.0%	37	100.0%	1,519	100.0%

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