
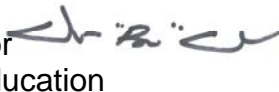


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Arkansas High School Counselors
Arkansas High School Principals and Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Jim Purcell, Director 
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Mr. William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Director 
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RE: Act 474 of 2007

Act 474 of 2007 directs that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), working with both public and private institutions of higher education, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education (ADWE) shall annually compile information for Arkansas high school students on academic scholarships for freshmen entering institutions of higher education and state-funded programs that provide opportunities for developing technical job skills and apprenticeships. Act 474 states that the Department of Education shall provide the information annually to all public high school counselors in the state.

Currently, you receive brochures and other information regarding the Academic Challenge Scholarship and the GO Opportunity Grant programs. This year the information was distributed to you through your local education co-op. In addition, ADHE distributes a brochure containing information about all of the other financial aid programs that are administered by ADHE at the many college fairs around the state.

ADWE provides information on its website on the following programs:

- The High Tech Scholarship
<http://dwe.arkansas.gov/hightechscholarship.htm>
- The Loan Forgiveness program
<http://dwe.arkansas.gov/LoanForgiveness/atcsfip.htm>
- The Youth and Adult Apprenticeship Program
<http://dwe.arkansas.gov/youthapprenticeship.htm>

<http://dwe.arkansas.gov/CareerandTechEducation/2004Policiesapproved10-04.pdf>

In addition to the website information, ADWE presents a session on loan forgiveness and high-tech scholarships at the counselors' conference every November and mails information on both programs to all counselors annually. Periodically, ADWE presents to the state association of financial aid administrators and will do so again this October at the group's annual conference. ADWE also provides this information through counselor interviews and counselor updates during the on-site Technical Assistance visits to schools. These visits are made to each school site on a 5-year basis.

Attached is a PDF as a follow-up to Say Go College week with the link to the ADHE webpage that lists links to admissions, financial aid and scholarship information for all Arkansas public and independent colleges and universities. In addition, the links to the ADWE website mentioned above are listed. Finally, a list of links to other higher education programs that provide opportunities for developing technical skills and apprenticeships are listed.

Please note that Act 474 states that each public high school counselor shall annually provide the information they have received to their students. Thus, the PDF can easily be copied and distributed to your students.

Your assistance in distributing this information to all students is critical and we appreciate your efforts.



As a follow-up to Say Go College Week and in accordance with Act 474 of 2007, the following websites are provided:

- www.adhe.edu — This link will provide links from all public and private higher education institutions with links to their financial, admissions, and scholarship pages.
- <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/hightechscholarship.htm>
- <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/LoanForgiveness/atcsifp.htm>
- <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/youthapprenticeship.htm>
- [http://dwe.arkansas.gov/CareerandTechEducation/2004Policiesapproved 10-04.pdf](http://dwe.arkansas.gov/CareerandTechEducation/2004Policiesapproved%2010-04.pdf)
These websites at the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education provide information related to career and technical training
- www.saygocollege.com — This link will provide you with information on the recently concluded Say Go College Week as well as links to financial aid and academic preparation sites designed to help you be successful as you continue your education

See the attached sheet containing even more websites devoted to providing you with information relating to career counseling and educational opportunities at higher education institutions around the state of Arkansas.

WEB LINKS TO ARKANSAS COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER PROGRAMS (ACT 474 OF 2007)

INSTITUTIONS	OTHER PROGRAMS/SCHOLARSHIP
<i>4-year Public Universities</i>	
Arkansas State University ArkansasTech University	http://www.astate.edu/sections/academicsandresearch/ http://www.atu.edu/academicprograms.shtml http://atuoc.atu.edu/programs.htm
Henderson State University	http://www.getreddie.com
Southern Arkansas University	http://saumag.edu/youthappren/
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	http://www.uark.edu/home/11023.php
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	http://www.uafortsmith.edu/Academics/MajorsAndMinors?skin=prospect
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	http://ualr.edu/csam/ussp/
University of Arkansas at Monticello	http://ualr.edu/development/pdf/ScholarshipBooklet_2007_FINAL.pdf
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	http://www.uamont.edu/UAMCTC/index.htm
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	http://www.uamont.edu/McGehee/
University of Central Arkansas	www.beabear.com
<i>2-year Public Colleges</i>	
Arkansas Northeastern College	http://www.anc.edu/academics/academics.htm
Arkansas State University - Beebe	http://www.asub.edu/academic_programs/
Arkansas State University - Newport	http://www.asun.edu/ProgramsOfStudy/index.htm
Arkansas State University - Mountain Home	http://www.asumh.edu/academics.htm
Black River Technical College	http://www.blackrivertech.edu/courses_programs/
Cossatot Community College of the UA	http://cccua.edu/services/conted/apprentice.htm
East Arkansas Community College	http://www.eacc.edu/Catalog_07_08/index07-08.htm
Mid South Community College	http://www.midsouthcc.edu/programs/index.html
National Park Community College	http://www.npcc.edu/Students/CareerServices/Career_Services.htm
North Arkansas College	http://www.npcc.edu/Community/workforce_development.htm
Northwest Arkansas Community College	http://www.northark.edu/students/highschool/tech_center/index.htm
Ouachita Technical College	http://www.nwacc.edu/corporateLearning/index.php
Ozarka College	http://www.otcweb.edu/community/workforce_conted.asp
Phillips Community College of UA	http://www.ozarka.edu/programs.cfm
Pulaski Technical College	http://www.pccua.edu/Achieving%20the%20dream/pccua_programs_of_study.htm
Pulaski Technical College	http://www.pulaskitech.edu/programs_of_study/technical_industrial_division.asp
Pulaski Technical College	http://www.pulaskitech.edu/programs_of_study/allied_health.asp
Pulaski Technical College	http://www.pulaskitech.edu/programs_of_study/information_technology.asp
Pulaski Technical College	http://www.pulaskitech.edu/programs_of_study/business_division.asp
Pulaski Technical College	http://www.pulaskitech.edu/continuing_education
Rich Mountain Community College	http://www.pulaskitech.edu/careercenter.htm
Rich Mountain Community College	http://www.rmcc.edu/careercenter.htm
South Arkansas Community College	http://www.southark.edu/business-community/dynpage.asp?pageID=2353
Southeast Arkansas College	http://www.seark.edu/academics/index.php
Southern Arkansas University - Tech	http://www.sautech.edu/sau_tech_career_academy_entry.html
UA Community College at Batesville	http://www.uaccb.edu/programs.htm
UA Community College at Batesville	http://www.uaccb.edu/do_workforcecommunityeducation.htm
UA Community College at Batesville	http://www.uaccb.edu/do_businesstechnologypublicservice.htm
UA Community College at Hope	http://www.uacch.edu/hicontent.cfm?page=programs&res=hi
UA Community College at Morrilton	http://www.uaccm.edu/Academics/Academics.htm
UA Community College at Morrilton	http://www.uaccm.edu/Academics/Academics.htm
<i>Independent Colleges & Universities</i>	
Arkansas Baptist College	http://www.arkansasbaptist.edu/about/academic_programs.asp
Central Baptist College	http://www.cbc.edu/academics.aspx?id=340
Crowley's Ridge College	http://www.crowleysridgecollege.info/programs.html
Harding University	http://www.harding.edu/career
Hendrix University	http://www.hendrix.edu/career/?na1_mtid=421&ns1_mtid=5&ns1_mid=34
John Brown University	http://www.jbu.edu/academics/
Lyon College	http://www.lyon.edu/academics/academicPrograms.asp
Ouachita Baptist University	http://www.obu.edu/academics/
Philander Smith College	http://www.philander.edu/DetailR.aspx?PageID=21
University of the Ozarks	http://admissions.ozarks.edu/academics/default.asp
Williams Baptist College	http://www.williamsbaptistcollege.com/academics/