

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM
(Act 605 of 2009)

A student who receives any form of state-supported student financial assistance, as defined by Act 605 of 2009, must sign this form indicating whether he/she authorizes the Department of Higher Education and/or the UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO to release his/her individual personal information listed below to the Bureau of Legislative Research.

(If a student is under the age of eighteen years old and is not legally emancipated, a parent or legal guardian shall complete and sign the authorization form.)

For each student who authorizes the release of his/her individual personal information, the Bureau of Legislative Research will receive the following information:

1. A unique student identifier;
2. Status for Federal Pell grant;
3. Postsecondary grade point average;
4. Number of semester hours attempted;
5. Number of semester hours completed;
6. Gender, race, ethnicity, and age;
7. High school graduated from or General Educational Development test score;
8. High school grade point average; and
9. ACT score or ACT equivalent score, if available;
10. Academic progress information.

The Bureau of Legislative Research will collect this information for statistical analyses that will assist the Arkansas General Assembly in evaluating whether scholarships should be increased in number or amount, the need to change eligibility requirements, and the need for other changes to state-supported student financial assistance.

The Bureau of Legislative Research will not receive or release a student's name, social security number, or a student's or parent's income information.

A decision to authorize or not to authorize the release of this information to the Bureau of Legislative Research WILL NOT impact a student's eligibility for state-supported student financial assistance, including the lottery-funded scholarship known as the Academic Challenge Scholarship.

Please check one of the following indicating your authorization, or your decision not to authorize, the release of the individual personal information described above to the Bureau of Legislative Research. **ONLY ONE SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED BELOW.**

I **authorize / do not authorize (CIRCLE ONE)** the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and/or the UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO to release my individual personal information to the Bureau of Legislative Research.

Student's Full Legal Name (Printed)

Student ID Number

Signature of Student

(if eighteen years old or older or is legally emancipated at the time of award acceptance for state-supported student financial assistance)

Date Signed

Signature of Student's Parent

(if student is under eighteen years old and is not legally emancipated)

Date Signed

The lottery legislation (Act 605 of 2009) mandated that the University of Arkansas at Monticello collect consent forms for all students that receive any form of state-supported student financial assistance. The consent form **MUST** be on file with the Financial Aid office before any state-supported financial assistance can be applied to a student's account. State-supported student financial assistance is defined below. Please read, print, and sign the attached release of student information authorization form. The consent form will need to be returned to the Financial Aid office on the 3rd floor of Harris Hall. The consent form may also be mailed to:

University of Arkansas at Monticello
P.O. Box 3470
Monticello, AR 71656

The consent form needs to be returned as soon as possible to insure that all state-supported financial assistance can be applied to your account. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email.

Lindy Hester
Assistant Controller

Definition:

"State-supported student financial assistance" means a state-supported scholarship, grant, tuition waiver, or tuition reimbursement funded with state funds or net proceeds from the state lottery awarded by:

- (A) The Department of Higher Education; or
- (B) A scholarship or grant awarded by an institution of higher education in this state in whole or in part by state funds, including without limitation:
 - (i) Scholarships awarded on the basis of entrance exam scores or high school academic achievement;
 - (ii) Tuition waivers based on age, military service, occupation, or other factors;
 - (iii) Out-of-state tuition waivers for undergraduate students from contiguous states in close proximity to a college or university;
 - (iv) Scholarships for transfers from two-year institutions;
 - (v) Performance scholarships for band, musical performing groups, arts, theater, forensics, and similar activities that are not awarded on the basis of entrance exam scores or high school academic achievement; and
 - (vi) Any other publicly-funded program under which students are not charged or are reimbursed by the institution of higher education for tuition, fees, books, or other costs of attendance.