

**STATE OF ARKANSAS 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 – Fort Smith** to release his/her individual personal information listed below to the Bureau of Legislative Research.

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**

....the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and/or **the University of Arkansas Fort Smith** to release my individual personal information to the Bureau of Legislative Research.

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**Student ID Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's name--Print First, Middle, Last Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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

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**Signature of Student's Parent**

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