

Legislative Report on Act 341 of 2007

Act 341 provides the opportunity for students who are recipients of the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship to volunteer to serve as literacy tutors in a public school or a faith-based educational institution serving students in prekindergarten through grade 6. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education worked with the Arkansas Department of Education concerning the logistics of implementation of Act 341. The act states that ADE will develop the training modules for the prerequisite literacy training. It also states that a student who volunteers will receive the training from an accredited Arkansas institution of higher education.

ADHE and ADE involved a committee of higher education personnel, including academic and financial aid staff. The committee assisted in decisions about training and logistics. ADE proposed utilizing web-based training modules for the preparation of the tutors.

Two documents were created: *Protocol for Act 341* and *Cooperative Tutoring Agreement*. ADE sent copies of the protocol and agreement to the public school superintendents and principals. These same documents were sent to all state-supported two- and four-year institutions of higher education. The protocol provided the process a Challenge recipient would follow to become trained and ready to serve as a literacy tutor. The university or college signed the agreement form that indicated that the student was a recipient of the Challenge scholarship and was eligible to provide tutoring services. The completion of the initial and subsequent training modules was verified by the students signing the agreement form. After the student completed a minimum of 20 hours of tutoring, they presented the agreement form, signed by the school or district, back to the university.

A survey was conducted of the two- and four-year institutions on the number of participants in this program for the 2010-2011 academic year. Thirty-two of the institutions had no participants in the program. Two institutions, Arkansas Northeastern College and UACCH, had participants. UACCH had the largest number of participants at three (3). Arkansas Northeastern had one (1). That is a total of four (4) total participants out of 32, 447 Arkansas Academic Challenge recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Act 341-Number of tutors by institution

<u>Institution</u>	<u># of Tutors</u>
1. ASU Jonesboro	0
2. Phillips CC	0
3. NWACC	0
4. ASU Newport	0
5. UACCM	0
6. North Ark. CC	0
7. Rich Mountain	0
8. UCA	0
9. Ark. Northeastern	1
10. UAPB	0
11. ASU Beebe	0
12. UAMS	0
13. UACCB	0
14. National Park	0
15. Ouachita Tech	0
16. UAF	0
17. SAU Tech	0
18. ATU	0
19. UAM	0
20. Henderson	0
21. UALR	0
22. ATU Ozark	0
23. ASU Mt. Home	0
24. SAU Magnolia	0
25. Pulaski Tech	0
26. Black River	0
27. Mid-South	0
28. UA Fort Smith	0
29. Cossatot	0
30. Ozarka	0
31. South Ark. CC	0
32. UACCH	3
33. SEARK	0
34. East Arkansas CC	0