

## **Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program**

### **Summary of Rule Amendments**

The Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program rules and regulations are being amended due to changes made during the 2015 and 2017 Regular Session by Act 850 of 2015 and Act 1008 of 2017. The formatting of the rules is also being updated. The Governor's Scholars Program has changed to awarding a \$10,000 scholarship annually to those students that achieve a 32 or above on the ACT; and achieve at least a 3.5 high school GPA or have been selected as a finalist in either the National Merit Scholarship competition, the National Hispanic Recognition Program, or the National Achievement Scholarship competition. If any of the seventy-five (75) counties was not represented in the initial awards, the Department of Higher Education shall select a student from each nonrepresented county with the highest qualifications and award a \$5,000 annual scholarship. Additional amendments are proposed to more closely align the language used in the rule to those used in the law.