The yearly cost of attendance* for an Arkansas resident at the University of Arkansas exceeds $24,000, while the state’s median family income is less than $42,000.

Given the total cost of attendance is over half of a typical family’s income, the Advance Arkansas Scholarship is a necessity for Arkansans to afford an undergraduate degree at the state’s flagship institution. With Arkansas ranking in the bottom five in educational attainment, the time is now to invest in the future of Arkansas.

*COST OF ATTENDANCE:

Tuition    Fees    Books    Room & Board    Travel    Personal Expenses

IN 2016-2017, THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS ENROLLED 2,422 FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME FRESHMEN FROM ARKANSAS.

92.6% 76.6% 15.6%

2,242 applied for need-based financial aid. 1,382 of the 2,242 were awarded any financial aid. Only 216 of these 1,382 students had their financial need fully met.

OF THE 1,166 REMAINING ARKANSANS, THE AVERAGE UNMET NEED WAS $8,489 (BASED ON THE COST OF ATTENDANCE).

$$$$$ THE AVERAGE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS LOAN DEBT FOR UNDERGRADUATES IS $21,911 AT GRADUATION

This scholarship initiative supports Arkansans with financial need and contributes to the growth and prosperity of the entire state. Advance Arkansas is designed to cultivate diverse student talent within the state, address growing inequality in access to higher education and provide resources for student success at the University of Arkansas. These scholarships will change the lives of many Arkansans, helping them grow their aspirations into realities.