

THESE ARE TOUGH TIMES FOR ARKANSAS

THERE ARE TOO MANY NEEDS AND TOO

The colleges and universities of Arkansas – in a difficult economic situation – are **not asking** for extra

We **are asking** our legislature to provide additional funding for existing classes and services.

If current budget cuts are not restored, key

- Double-digit tuition increases will be imposed on a large number of capable, qualified Arkansans to find low-paying jobs.
- Many courses will be eliminated and quality of instruction reduced.
- Scholarships earned by students will be cut.
- Workforce training for business and industry will be reduced.
- Critical maintenance on college facilities and equipment will result in costly deterioration.
- Vital student services such as counseling and financial aid will be cut, causing retention rates to drop.

The steady progress made by young Arkansans will be halted and a downward spiral in educational attainment rates will occur.

MISSING FROM ARKANSAS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



MISSING FUTURE

College educated citizens have lifetime earnings of \$1 million and more over non-graduates, pay a higher share of taxes and lead innovation.



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