

DATE: July 26, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 Lottery Scholarship Annual Report

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-4-903(b), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission is to report findings related to lottery scholarship programs to the General Assembly.

Staff will present an overview of the annual legislative report, which details the postsecondary outcomes of scholarship recipients from the program's inception (Fall 2004) through Fall 2011, by student demographic and academic characteristics. As in the past, this year's report reinforces the importance of high school preparation and performance in renewing scholarship awards and collegiate success in general. Additionally, this year's report releases for the first time ever information relative to student employment of lottery scholarship recipients. The report confirms the widely-held impression about student employment - that many of scholarship recipients obtained a job to help pay for college.

The report's major sections are:

- Program Overview and Recipient Demographics
- Scholarship Renewal
- Graduation Rates with TELS Intact
- 6-year Graduation Rates for TELS Recipients
- College-retention for Scholarship Non-renewals
- Scholarship Recipients and Employment During College

The full report can be viewed on our website at www.tn.gov/thec under meeting agenda on the home page.