

July 3, 2019

Dear Governor Asa Hutchinson,

My family started a journey 3 years ago that began with a choice. We wanted to change schools and we knew exactly where we wanted to go, we just weren't sure how we could make it happen. The truth is, I couldn't make it happen, but God had a plan, and we had faith. So, we prayed for God to bless us with the finances to get both my daughters enrolled at Arkansas Christian Academy (ACA). Once we enrolled, we were informed that one of my girls was eligible for the Succeed Scholarship. What a blessing! Here we are now, 3 years later, starting their senior year of high school. My oldest daughter, Mary Kathryn, is autistic and has received the Succeed Scholarship for 3 years and will again this year. She is a different person, better in so many ways, plays volleyball, she has friends and teachers and school staff that love her and keep her accountable for her responsibilities. She works twice as hard to keep from disappointing anyone. Because of the scholarship, I can afford for my youngest daughter to also attend ACA. She is a cheerleader and an honor student and participates in the chapel band and the ACA drum corps. My daughters' accomplishments were possible because we made a choice and God used you to make it happen. Thank you and may God continue to bless us all.

Sincerely,

Carrie Smith