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Krystal Nail, Program Director
Office of Gifted and Talented and Advanced Placement
Arkansas Department of Education
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Dear Ms. Nail,

I am pleased to submit Arkansas Tech University's application to host the Arkansas Governor's School (AGS) for 2025-2027. The enclosed application and budget are the results of a campus-wide collaboration. ATU has been honored to host this event for the past six years and is excited about the prospects of continuing to host AGS for three additional years.

For the past five years, Arkansas Tech University's campus has been graced with the presence of some of Arkansas's finest secondary students. For months before the annual event, faculty and staff spend countless hours preparing the residence halls, food services, and meeting rooms. We want to ensure that AGS is a 'once in a lifetime' experience for each of the attendees. We have received countless positive comments from attendees and their parents about their AGS experience at Tech. In addition, visiting teachers have been very complimentary about the facilities and hospitality they received while on our campus. Our desire remains to engage students in the curriculum, encourage constructive discourse, and foster a sense of acceptance and community.

If selected to host Arkansas Governor's School for the 2025-2027 triennium, the Arkansas Tech faculty, and staff, as well as the administration, will be committed to giving each of the students and the visiting teachers the best lodging, the best recreation, and the best learning environment possible. It is ATU's goal for them to leave with the sentiment that AGS was a life-changing, thought-provoking, and eye-opening experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Russell Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

K. Russell Jones, Interim President
Arkansas Tech University