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CA Lottery Winner Has Only Days Left to Claim Big Powerball® Prize

SACRAMENTO – While millions of people vie for tonight’s [giant Powerball jackpot](#), the California Lottery wants to get the word out about a multimillion-dollar winning *Powerball* ticket that’s about to expire!

One ticket sold in California for the July 8th *Powerball* draw matched five correct numbers, earning a \$2.6 million prize. That ticket came from the Quik Stop at 4707 Quail Lakes Drive in Stockton. The ticket’s winning numbers were 24, 7, 32, 23, 43, missing just the Powerball 18. The ticket will expire January 4, 2024. Anyone hanging onto it has several options for [how to claim](#) their prize by this Thursday.

In California, any *Powerball* prizes outside of the jackpot must be claimed within 180 days from the draw. Jackpot-winners have [a full year](#) to come forward. Any unclaimed prize money in California becomes additional funding for [public education](#). More than \$1 billion in prize funds have gone unclaimed in California since the Lottery began nearly 40 years ago.

Meanwhile, public schools are also benefitting from the current *Powerball* streak. Tonight’s jackpot is projected to be worth \$760 million! Approximately 80 cents for every ticket sold in California helps schools, and thanks to the growing *Powerball* prize, California Lottery has been able to generate an **additional \$57 million for education**.

Powerball tickets eligible for tonight’s top prize must be purchased by 7pm PT. Players have more than [23,000 options](#) for where to buy their tickets. Online or app-based ticket sales are [illegal in California](#).

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The California Lottery’s mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled more than \$2.07 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education’s overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.85 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to

remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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