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## **Press Release**

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### **MCCCE Offers \$16,000 in Educational Assistance to Local Residents**

The McCracken County Community Career Endowment, Inc. (MCCCE) announces today that it will offer \$16,000 in educational assistance for African American residents of Paducah and McCracken County. This marks the first of many educational assistance packages that the organization, formed a little over a year ago, plans to provide.

The \$16,000 will be divided among individual awards of \$1,000 for full-time students attending, or planning to attend, a post-secondary educational or training facility; and \$500 awards for part-time students. There is also an emergency fund for education-related expenses.

To apply, residents must complete a form stating their family income, grade point average and proof of school admission, and write a brief summary of their educational and employment objectives. Forms are available from the MCCCE office at (270) 444-6962 or by e-mail at [McCareersInc@aol.com](mailto:McCareersInc@aol.com). Application deadline is March 30, 2007.

“We’re thrilled to offer this \$16,000 to the community,” says Danny Fugate, MCCCE board member and scholarship chairman. “The purpose of our organization is to help African Americans improve education levels, boost marketable job skills, secure meaningful employment and succeed in the job market. Providing educational assistance is just one of the many important ways that the MCCCE is working to do that.”

The group is also raising awareness among local employers of the availability of qualified African American job applicants, and will soon officially unveil a job bank with open job listings and resumes of job seekers. In addition, the organization will offer workforce diversity training, a tutoring and mentoring program and several fundraising events. To volunteer for any of these initiatives, please contact the MCCCE office.

The MCCCE non-profit organization was made possible by an endowment established by the late Fred Paxton and his wife, Peggy, in January 2006, just months before Fred Paxton passed away.