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MCCCE Offers \$14,000 in Educational Assistance to Local Residents

The McCracken County Community Career Endowment, Inc. (MCCCE) announces today that it will again offer educational assistance for African American residents of Paducah and McCracken County this year. This marks the third of many rounds of educational assistance packages that the organization plans to provide. A second round of emergency educational assistance totaling an additional \$4,000 will be announced in the spring of 2008.

A total of \$14,000 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 for the 2008-2009 academic year.

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. Both the application and instructions are on www.mccce.org, as well. Application deadline is March 15, 2008.

Previous educational assistance recipients are welcome to apply again but must demonstrate positive progress since receiving the last award.

"We're thrilled to offer this \$14,000 to the community," says Danny Fugate, MCCCE board member and scholarship chairman. "The purpose of our organization is to assist the African American community of Paducah/McCracken County in acquiring an education, improving their marketable skills and securing employment in positions that safeguard their economic future. These awards help ensure that our young people can continue with their education."

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.