

2017 MCCCE Educational Assistance Instructions

The McCracken County Community Career Endowment (MCCCE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formulated to assist the African American Community of Paducah/McCracken County Kentucky to acquire an education, improve their marketable skills and secure employment in positions that safeguard their economic future. Primary funding is provided by an endowment administered by the Community Foundation of West Kentucky as established by the late Fred & (wife) Peggy Paxton.

Eligibility Requirements (Current PaxtonScholars participants are not eligible to apply)

To be eligible, students must be:

- Of African American decent residing or have parent/guardian residing in Paducah/McCracken Co., KY
- Enrolling or planning to enroll as a full, part-time, or career seeking student at an accredited trade school, college, university, or community college during 2017 (prior to receiving assistance).
- Working on their first undergraduate degree – graduate students or 2nd degree students are not eligible

Selecting Recipients

The MCCCE Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of representatives from the community and the MCCCE Board of Directors, who will review applications to determine the best overall applicants to receive scholarships. The highest-rated students will be selected as scholarship recipients.

Candidates, whose applications are complete with required documentation, will be notified of their status in April 2017. Scholarship recipients (or representative) must attend the Annual Awards Reception on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

NOTICE TO PRIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MCCCE scholarship applicants (other than PaxtonScholars) shall not receive in excess of \$3000 in direct scholarship benefits during their lifetime and shall not be eligible for computer drawing after winning initial computer. PaxtonScholars shall be eligible for only 3 additional MCCCE scholarship benefits after completion of college freshman year and shall not be eligible for computer drawing.

Required Submissions:

- Completion of application, type or print legibly in **black ink only**.
- Attach a one page, single spaced typed narrative that describes your short and long term educational goals and employment objectives. Detail why you feel you are deserving of the MCCCE Scholarship.
- Attach an official transcript or grade report with school and/or college official certification with signature on the attached form.

*Additional selection points will be given if total family income is below the following low income limits.

| Number of Persons | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Income Limit | \$ 32,150 | \$ 36,750 | \$ 41,350 | \$ 48,900 | \$ 49,600 | \$ 53,250 |

*Verification of low income status, if applicable (Do not submit if you are not of low income status)

- Provide income information to verify low income status. Copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report) or 2016 W-2 forms, (2) check stubs and/or financial award letter along with your application.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Application must be submitted or postmarked by March 17, 2017.

Scholarship recipients (or representative) **MUST** attend the Scholarship Awards Reception on April 23, 2017.

MCCCE anticipates to award up to (20) \$1000.00 awards for full time African American students and/or a combination of awards for part-time students. All recipients must display a strong commitment to continuing their post-secondary education and pursuing a career that insures a sustainable income. African American students who are active in school and community activities are encouraged to apply.

If you need personal assistance or additional information, please feel free to contact the MCCCE office at (270) 444-6962 or 270-519-9101 or email: mc3cendowment@aol.com

STOP! BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The McCracken County Community Career Endowment Scholarship Committee have reviewed and ranked numerous applications since 2007. Many deserving students have submitted applications that have been disqualified because of neglect, failure to complete or failure to submit required information.

Before you submit your application, please double check the following:

- Application completed in **black ink or typed** and legible
- High school transcript or college certification
- Autobiographical essay
- Professional Resume'
- Income verification(s) (low income only)
- Application signed