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MCCCE ACCEPTING 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND ESTABLISHES THE B.A. HAMILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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For the ELEVENTH consecutive year, the McCracken County Community Career Endowment, Inc. (MCCCE) Board of Directors are pleased to announce they are currently accepting applications for Educational Assistance from full or part-time students enrolled or to be enrolled at a post secondary educational facility or from high school seniors planning to enroll in a post secondary educational facility after high school graduation.

As recently deceased Mr. B.A. Hamilton was one of the founding members of the MCCCE and was instrumental in negotiations with the late Fred Paxton in setting up and creating the MCCCE in 2005/06, at least one of the applicants will be awarded the B.A. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship. The B.A. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship shall be awarded annually to a deserving African American first generation high school senior who exemplifies leadership qualities and the potential to succeed in the business or professional arena. The awardee shall receive additional funds distributed directly to West Kentucky Community and Technical College in addition to the regular MCCCE scholarship award upon enrollment verification at WKCTC.

Scholarship applicants must be of African American decent residing in Paducah/McCracken County, Kentucky and be working on their first undergraduate degree.

The MCCCE Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of representatives from the community and the Board of Directors who will review applications to determine the best overall applicants to receive the scholarships.

MCCCE anticipates awarding up to fifteen (15) \$1,000.00 awards for full-time students and/or a combination of awards for part-time students for the 2017-18 academic year to students who display a strong commitment to continuing their post secondary education and pursuing a

career that insures a sustainable income. Students who are active in both their school and the community are encouraged to apply.

Area businesses, organizations and individuals are encouraged to make tax deductible donations to increase the number of awards. Donations should be mailed to: MCCCE, Inc. P.O. Box 357, Paducah, KY 42002-0357. Primary funding for the awards is provided by an endowment administered by the Community Foundation of West Kentucky as established by the late Fred and (wife) Peggy Paxton.

Applications and instructions can be downloaded from the MCCCE website at mccce.org. They also will be available at the two high school guidance counselor's offices and at the WKCTC Financial Aid office. Applications must be submitted or postmarked by March 17, 2017 to be considered. Call 270-444-6962 if you have any questions.