

School assistance offered

Staff report

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The McCracken County Community Career Endowment is offering \$14,000 in educational assistance this winter to African-American residents of Paducah and McCracken County.

This marks the third of many rounds of educational assistance packages the organization plans to provide. An additional \$4,000 of emergency educational assistance will be announced in the spring.

The \$14,000 will be divided into 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.

Previous educational assistance recipients can apply again, but must demonstrate positive progress since receiving the last award.

“We’re thrilled to offer this \$14,000 to the community,” said Danny Fugate, endowment 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.”

To apply, residents must complete a form that includes 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 444-6962 or by e-mail at McCareersInc@aol.com. The application is also available at www.mccce.org. Application deadline is March 15.

The nonprofit organization was made possible by an endowment established by the late Fred Paxton and his wife, Peggy, in January 2006.