

2025/26 MCCCE Educational Scholarship 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 & Peggy Paxton.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL PAXTONSCHOLARS PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY)

To be eligible, students must be:

- A citizen of the United States and of African American descent residing or have parent/guardian residing in Paducah/McCracken Co.
- Enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time, or career seeking student at an accredited trade school, college, university, or community college during 2025 (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 May 2025. Scholarship recipients (or a representative) must attend the Annual Awards Reception to be held on June 1, 2025.

NOTICE TO PRIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MCCCE scholarship applicants (other than PaxtonScholars) shall not receive more than \$10,000 in direct scholarship benefits during their lifetime and shall not be eligible for the computer drawing after winning a computer.

PaxtonScholars shall be eligible for additional MCCCE scholarship benefits after completion of their Fall college freshman year but shall not be eligible for the computer drawing.

REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS:

- Completion of application, type or print legibly in black ink only.
- Attach a double spaced 250-500 word typed Personal Statement containing at least all the required topics as listed on page one and page two of the application.
- Professional Resume'
- Attach a transcript from your high school or college.

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

# OF PERSONS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
INCOME LIMITS	\$23,828	\$32,227	\$40,626	\$49,025	\$57,424	\$65,823

***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 2024 W-2 forms, (2) check stubs and/or financial award letter along with your application.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Application and required documents must be submitted to mc3cendowment@aol.com via e-mail by April 4, 2025. Scholarship recipients (or a representative) MUST attend the Scholarship Awards Reception on June 1, 2025.

MCCCE anticipates awarding up to \$60,000 in total awards for full time African American students. All recipients must display a strong commitment to continuing their post-secondary education and pursuing a career that ensures a sustainable income. African American students who are active in school and community activities are encouraged to apply.