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\$16,000 pledged for educational aid

The McCracken County Community Career Endowment Inc. has pledged to offer \$16,000 in educational assistance for black residents of Paducah and McCracken County, marking the first such package the organization plans to provide.

The money will be divided among individual awards of \$1,000 for full-time students attending or planning to attend a post-secondary educational or training institution. Awards of \$500 will go to part-time students, with an emergency fund available for education-related expenses.

To apply, residents must complete a form that requests their family income, grade-point average and proof of school admission, along with a brief summary of their educational and employment objectives.

Forms are available from the MCCCE office, 444-6962, or by e-mailing at McCareersInc@aol.com. The deadline is March 30.

MCCCE, a non-profit organization, was made possible by an endowment established by the late Fred Paxton and his wife, Peggy, in January 2006.