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Over \$400,000 Available in Local Scholarships Through Central Kentucky Community Foundation

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (Jan. 2, 2020) – With the addition of several new scholarships for the 2020 season, Scholarship Central continues to solidify its place as the area's one-stop shop to apply for local scholarships.

With more than \$400,000 available to local students, Scholarship Central, Central Kentucky Community Foundation's easy-to-use online scholarship platform, has added 26 new scholarships this year bringing it to more than 200 offerings, including all Elizabethtown Community and Technical College scholarships. They are available on behalf of generous local philanthropists and partner organizations who want to help area students succeed.

"We are grateful to the generous donors in our community who make educational opportunities available for more students through scholarships," said Davette B. Swiney, CKCF President and CEO. "CKCF has been awarding scholarships for over 50 years. We have seen it time and time again, investing in our students is investing in our future. We are honored to work with donors to make these opportunities available to students."

Scholarship applications are now being accepted at www.ckcf4people.org and students have from now until midnight EST, Sunday, March 1, to apply.

Scholarship Central is user-friendly and allows high school seniors and current or future ECTC students in CKCF's 9-county service region to apply for multiple scholarships. Students input basic information once and then customize details needed for specific scholarships.

"The most positive impact for students in my 20 years of counseling is the creation of Scholarship Central," said Alan Campbell, a counselor at North Hardin High School. "It has been my No. 1 guide for student financial help since its inception. Central Kentucky Community Foundation's staff and community members who have donated to the scholarships have made such an impact on our students. We are forever thankful."

With more than 160 scholarships available, CKCF has made Scholarship Central an essential part of any college-bound student's toolkit, driving more students to apply every year.

"It's definitely worth your time," said Selena Cepeda, who was awarded the 2019 Central Kentucky Community Foundation Scholarship to Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and the Dr. Linda Mayhew STEM Scholarship. "In the time it took me to apply for all the scholarships on Scholarship Central, I could only apply for one hand-written scholarship I picked up at my high school."

Cepeda, who now attends ECTC, said she liked the ease of Scholarship Central and its one-application process.



"The application would autofill after the first time, so the only thing that took extra time was some of the scholarships required essays," she said. "Although it took a little bit of time and a little bit of effort, it was worth it in the end."

Scholarships vary in amount and eligibility criteria. Collectively they represent a wide range of qualifications to reach students at many levels of academic achievement, community and school involvement, and financial situations. CKCF serves a large region, and some scholarships are specific for particular counties or schools. Information about available scholarships can be found at www.ckcf4people.org. See specific scholarships for detailed application criteria.

About Central Kentucky Community Foundation

Central Kentucky Community Foundation is the philanthropic focal point in the region, serving Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Hart, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington counties as a resource, leader and catalyst to people who wish to improve life in their community. For more about CKCF, go to www.ckcf4people.org.

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