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TFEC Awards over \$1 Million in Scholarships for 2014-2015 Academic Year to 415 Students

Harrisburg, PA, October 15, 2014 – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is pleased to announce another successful scholarship season has come to a close. Through the over 100 scholarships currently administered by TFEC, over \$1,100,000 in scholarships was awarded to 415 students for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Many young adults dream of being able to provide for themselves through a career they love. However, to some, financing that dream seems overwhelming. College is more expensive than ever, and many students are beginning to wonder if the investment is worth the thousands of dollars of debt upon graduation.

“College tuition rates are on the rise and the cost to attend college is becoming increasingly difficult to meet. Higher education isn’t just critical for our children, but it’s also the key to Central PA’s future,” Susan Mountz, a scholarship donor and volunteer. “This generation of students deserves the same opportunity so many of us have already had... the chance to learn, to explore, to understand what inspires and stimulates them. In the end, the passions and skills they develop through higher education will only serve all of us for years to come.”

TFEC, through its many scholarship programs, continues to assist students each year through scholarship grants. Scholarship applicants demonstrate individual excellence in areas such as community service, leadership, sports, music, academics, and other unique characteristics. Visit www.tfec.org starting in November to review available scholarships, eligibility criteria, and deadlines for the 2015-2016 academic year.

TFEC is a partner with American Education Services (AES)/PHEAA’s Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Program. Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA’s PATH Program. PHEAA may match grant funds for TFEC scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved PA college or career school, who are state grant recipients, and who demonstrate financial need. The match provides last dollar support for tuition, books and fees. Scholarship recipient information is submitted by TFEC staff; no additional paperwork is required by students in order to be eligible for a PATH Program match. For additional information on this program, please visit www.pheaa.org.

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The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is a community foundation which aims to stimulate philanthropy and enhance the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets while serving as a catalyst and neutral convener to meet a wide range of community needs in the south central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and also in the Dillsburg area. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, the Franklin County Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, the Camp Hill Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Foundation. For more information on TFEC, please visit www.tfec.org.