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**2014-2015 College Scholarships Available for Central PA Students**

**Harrisburg, PA, January 22, 2014** – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for high school and post-secondary students who reside in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry counties. Scholarship applicants demonstrate individual excellence in areas such as community service, leadership, sports, music, academics, and other unique characteristics. TFEC has nearly 100 scholarship funds which granted over \$750,000 to 450 students for the 2013/2014 academic year. As the university system reels from statewide education cuts and parents face lost savings and declining home values, the opportunity for higher education is slipping away for thousands of prospective students.

“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,” said 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, and 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 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 up to a maximum of \$2,500 per year. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school, who are a state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. The scholarship recipient’s information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their Web site at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).

For more information about scholarship opportunities or to apply, visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org).

**ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES**

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](http://www.tfec.org).

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