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EDUCATION PLUS CREDIT UNION
SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT MCCC

MONROE, Mich. – Education Plus Credit Union has established the Education Plus Credit Union Scholarship at Monroe County Community College.

Through a generous donation of $20,000, the credit union has established an endowment that will provide scholarship support for Monroe County resident students. Scholarship awards for the Education Plus Credit Union Scholarship will begin in Fall Semester of 2012.

The endowment will award at least one scholarship annually to an MCCC transfer student who is planning to pursue a degree in the field of education. The award may be used for tuition, fees and books. Applicants must be an EPCU member, maintain a 2.8 GPA or higher and maintain full time enrollment at MCCC. Financial need may be considered in awarding the scholarship, which will be equally divided between the Fall and Winter semesters.

EPCU has been an annual scholarship donor for years.

“The Education Plus Credit Union continues to be a tremendous supporter of the college and our student scholarship program,” said Suzanne Wetzel, Executive Director of The Foundation at MCCC.
“For many years they have funded annual scholarships and we greatly appreciate their commitment to helping make higher education accessible to our students through their support of the scholarship program.”

“We are a Credit Union established by educators in Monroe County, and we are committed to giving back to the community we have served for over 50 years,” said EPCU president and CEO Denise Fox. “With so many organizations cutting budgets, I felt this was the best time to evaluate education and take action with a donation of $20,000 to form the endowed scholarship for education.”

“True to its name, the Education Plus Credit Union has committed to an endowed scholarship to enrich lives by providing a hand up through education,” said MCCC President Dr. David E. Nixon.

For more information on available scholarships and financial aid, please contact the MCCC Financial Aid Office at (734) 384-4135. For information about funding a scholarship, contact The Foundation at MCCC at (734) 384-4206.

**About Education Plus Credit Union**

Education Plus Credit Union was founded on May 1, 1957 and was originally called Monroe County Teachers Credit Union, when 65 teachers gathered at Ida High School to witness its formation. Though it was originally started as a credit union for teachers, the field membership was eventually opened to all public school employees.

On April 1, 1989, MCTCU merged St. Michael’s of Monroe Credit Union into its field of membership. In 1995, the members voted to “open up” the field of membership to employer groups within a 25 mile radius of the main office. This change allowed the Credit Union to grow and service more members. To better represent its new field of membership members agreed

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to change the name to Southeastern Educational Employees & Affiliates Credit Union in August 1995 and finally to SEE&A Credit Union in June 1997.

In March 1996, SEE&A Credit Union opened its first satellite office in Lambertville, moving to a full service office in December of 1998. On December 1, 2004, SEE&A Credit Union changed its name to Education Plus Credit Union to better represent its membership.

**About Monroe County Community College**

Founded in 1964, Monroe County Community College is a public, two-year institution supported by tax monies from Monroe County, educational funds from the State of Michigan and student tuition. The college’s mission is to provide a variety of higher educational opportunities to enrich the lives of the residents of Monroe County. The Main Campus is located on South Raisinville Road in central Monroe County with easy access to Toledo and Detroit. The Whitman Center is located in Temperance, near the Ohio-Michigan Border. Information about MCCC is available at [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu).

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