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MCC Launches Grant Program for Math and Science Scholarships

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Muskegon Community College has been awarded a \$473,000 four-year grant from the National Science Foundation to facilitate scholarships in **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)**. The NSF makes grants to institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented, financially qualified students.

MCC's program, **Muskegon Scholars**, will be managed by MCC instructors Greg Marczak and Toby Moleski. Students will be recruited from local high schools, Workforce Development Centers, and through various college outreach programs to pursue education and careers in STEM fields. Annually, at least 20 academically talented, financially disadvantaged students will receive scholarships up to \$4,100 to cover the cost of MCC tuition, fees, and books. Participants must be full-time students at MCC and will be chosen from candidates majoring or planning to major in mathematics, geology, chemistry, astronomy, physics, or engineering.

The new manufacturing economy of West Michigan demands trained STEM professionals. The Muskegon Scholars project seeks to ensure student success with the student support mechanisms already available at the college, as well as through mentoring from community individuals in the STEM fields. Other student support activities include job shadowing, internships, and cohort support groups. In addition, students will participate in professional activities and will receive assistance in transferring to four-year institutions.

Applications will be accepted through 15 April 2008. For more information, visit the website at www.muskegonscholars.org, or contact MCC's Math and Science Department at 231.777.0289.

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