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Dixon Foundation expands scholarships at HACC-Lebanon Campus

LEBANON –The Dixon Foundation announced a major expansion of its scholarship program for students at HACC’s Lebanon Campus. The expansion will double the number of scholarships bringing the total available to 180 per year.

“We’re very excited that more students will be able to start or continue their education at HACC thanks to the Dixon Foundation,” said Dr. Kathleen Kramer, campus vice president.

“These scholarships have already helped more than 2,000 students get started on a college education right here in Lebanon.”

Originally available only to recent Lebanon County high school graduates, the program will now help first-year students who attend full- or part time as well as second-year and returning students.

“The new guidelines permit any Lebanon County resident – regardless of age and when they graduated from high school – to apply,” Kramer said. “The only restriction is that family income may not exceed \$90,000.”

The Dixon Foundation will be offering 60 scholarships of \$1,000 each to first-year, full-time students – those students taking at least 12 credits. In addition, another 60 scholarships for \$500 each will be available to part-time students who take at least six credits – normally two courses. Finally, 60 grants of \$500 will be available for second-year and returning students taking at least six credits.

In order to apply, students need to fill out a scholarship application which is available at HACC’s Lebanon Campus or online at www.hacc.edu/Lebanon, said Richard Scott, chairman of the Dixon Foundation. In addition, each applicant must write an essay of at least 150 words explaining why the grant is needed. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis in the order in which they are received.

“The Dixon Foundation and its founder, Frank Dixon, believe very strongly in Lebanon and that higher education plays a vital role in the future of the city and of Lebanon County,” Scott said. “We are absolutely sure that raising the level of education enhances the quality of life and our sole reason for existence is improving life in Lebanon County.

“We already know that HACC graduates can expect higher lifetime earnings and that they will tend to stay right here in Lebanon,” Scott said. “Their children are more likely to attend college as well, so this is a very cost-effective investment in the future.”

The Dixon Foundation first began giving the Dixon Tuition Assistance Grants in 1990 when HACC’s Lebanon Campus re-opened after a fire destroyed the original building. Today,

the campus has grown to more than 1,300 students. A major expansion and renovation project was completed last year.

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, serves students from five physical campuses and a virtual campus. The college offers more than 180 degree, certificate and diploma programs.