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**LAFCU OFFERS \$3,000 IN LCC SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO HELP AREA WOMEN ENTER / RE-ENTER WORKFORCE**

LANSING, Mich. — Three women will be awarded \$1,000 each from LAFCU this fall to pursue the education needed to enter or re-enter the workforce, thanks to the mid-Michigan credit union's WHEEL™ scholarship program.

The Women Helping Educate Every Lady (WHEEL) program awards three scholarships of \$1,000 each to a woman who will attend Lansing Community College. Applications will be accepted June 2-30.

“This is a scholarship uniquely designed for women who need additional education to compete in a tight labor market whether they've been downsized or have not recently been working for other reasons,” said Kelli A. Ellsworth-Etchison, vice president of community and business development of LAFCU. “Because women are usually the parent who has taken time away from the workforce to have children or for other family reasons, it can be especially difficult for them to re-enter the workforce or to obtain additional education or certifications to advance in their present jobs.”

Winners will be determined by a one-page essay about the applicant's new career choice, why she wants to pursue it now, and her inspiration for returning to school. Entries will be judged on content and accuracy.

Ellsworth-Etchison said that the ideal candidate is the person who needs a few classes to complete a degree or to become licensed or certified.

“We believe that the success of every individual contributes to a healthy economy, and that's what we work for at LAFCU,” she said.

Eligible applicants will live or work in LAFCU's service area, which includes the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee.

Information about how to apply for a WHEEL scholarship is at [LAFCU.com](http://LAFCU.com) or contact LAFCU at 517.622.6600 or 1.800.748.0228.

## **About LAFCU**

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves 55,000 members, holds more than \$580 million in assets, and maintains eight locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU's services, visit [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com) or call 517.622.6600.

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