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## **LAFCU OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST TO HELP ADULT WOMEN ACHIEVE CAREER GOALS**

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU is accepting applications for the third annual WHEEL™ Scholarship Contest that helps women who wish to pursue education needed to enter or re-enter the workforce or advance in their careers.

The 2015 Women Helping Educate Every Lady (WHEEL) program will award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of three winners to attend Lansing Community College (LCC). The application deadline is Friday, August 14.

“It’s challenging for adults to obtain the resources to return to school, and even more so for women who often put their careers on hold for family obligations,” said Kelli A. Ellsworth Etchison, vice president of community and business development of LAFCU. “This scholarship program will help three women achieve professional and personal goals by making the needed additional education more affordable. Their success in the workplace also supports a healthy economy, which is important to LAFCU.”

The ideal candidate will need a few classes to complete a degree or to become licensed or certified for a new occupation. 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.

A 2014 WHEEL scholarship winner, Andrea Skrip, of Charlotte, used the scholarship to begin a two-year radiologic technology program to become a radiologist and has a job waiting for her upon graduation.

“It will be so exciting to use the knowledge that I am gaining at LCC in a clinical setting,” she said. “The LAFCU WHEEL scholarship has helped me tremendously.”

Eligible applicants for a LAFCU WHEEL scholarship 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.

For information about the WHEEL scholarship and an entry form, visit [www.LAFCU.com](http://www.LAFCU.com) or call 517.622.6600 or 1.800.748.0228. Applications can be uploaded on the LAFCU website or mailed to the LAFCU headquarters.

### **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 nearly 60,000 members, holds nearly \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine 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, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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