

The Southeast Education Foundation

The Southeast Education Foundation, Inc. was created in 1981 as a non-profit organization with the exclusive purpose of supporting Southeast Community College. The foundation is governed by a board of directors made up of community and business leaders who are committed to providing higher education opportunities for the people of Bell, Harlan and Letcher counties. The board has provided leadership and direction for the college in many critical areas that require community input and involvement. In recent years, board members assisted the college with launching its first major gifts campaign, which generated \$4.5 million in gifts and grants, and in establishing its first annual giving program.

Community and Business Leadership

In 1998, the foundation accepted management responsibility, on behalf of the Harlan County Fiscal Court, for the Benham School House Inn, the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum and the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course. In addition to supporting the college's mission of promoting economic development in the region, the entities will also serve as educational sites for the college's training programs in hospitality, golf course and museum management. The foundation is proud to serve the college and the community through this special initiative to promote the region's tourism industry and to further the educational mission of Southeast Community College.

Scholarship Golf Classics

The Southeast Education Foundation annually sponsors two golf tournaments to raise funds for student scholarships. The tournaments are held in May and June at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Cumberland, Kentucky and at the Harlan County Country Club, located just outside the City of Harlan. Several local businesses sponsor teams

and prizes for the tournaments, allowing the large majority of proceeds to be used to support students at Southeast Community College.

Harlan Area Performing Arts Reverse Raffle

As the primary sponsor of the Harlan Area Performing Arts Series, the foundation conducts one of the most popular annual fund raising events in the area. The Reverse Raffle brings together 200 ticket holders for dinner and an evening of chance. An emcee eliminates names from a giant board until the last ticket drawn wins the grand cash prize. The raffle annually raises about \$5,000 to support the Arts Series.

Scholarships and Special Program Support

The Southeast Education Foundation has served as a major source of funding for SECC's Scholarship Fund for nearly two decades. Over the years, the foundation has contributed thousands of dollars in scholarships to assist needy and deserving students. In addition, the foundation also provides much needed support for academic programs and special projects that are not adequately supported by traditional sources of funding.

Opportunities to Give

Southeast Community College is grateful to the many individuals and businesses who have supported the college through gifts to the foundation and/or directly to the college. For additional information about giving opportunities, please contact the SECC Resource Development Office at (606) 589-2145, ext. 2134 or write Southeast Education Foundation, Inc. 700 College Road, Cumberland, Kentucky 40823.



In 1998, The Southeast Education Foundation, Inc. embraced the opportunity to broaden its support of Southeast Community College by assuming management responsibility for the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum, Sleepy Hollow Golf Course and Benham School House Inn. Through these tourist attractions, the college is expanding degree programs to include hospitality, museum and golf course management in addition to providing valuable opportunities for student work study and internships. The foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, operates exclusively to support the enhancement and development of SECC.

