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The Gordon Elwood Foundation board of directors made their final decision on this year's grant awards and approved the Southwestern Foundation's grant application of \$15,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide needed resources for workforce and short term training students from Curry County. The funds are intended to assist students whose need is not met through Federal financial aid. Funds are available to Curry County students to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies and emergency funds.

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"The Southwestern Foundation is pleased to have the ability to provide Curry County students the opportunity to continue their education and training needs with the assistance of the Gordon Elwood Foundation's generosity," said Marie Simonds, Foundation Executive Director. "These scholarships will provide significant assistance to Curry County students where there had previously been little available and none specifically for workforce and short term students."

Information on how to apply for this scholarship will be found online at <http://www.socc.edu/foundation/scholarships> and applications are continuously accepted. Please contact Michelle at Southwestern's Curry County campus at 541-469-5017 for information on applying for these scholarship funds.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Foundation awarded \$44,000 in scholarships to 49 recipients throughout Southwestern's service district. There were 199 total applicants. Janet Pretti, Interim Dean of Curry County, hopes that the scholarships made possible for Curry County students from the Gordon Elwood Foundation will help fill some of this unmet need.

"With assistance from the Gordon Elwood Foundation, students will have the access they need to complete their essential coursework for training to continue in their chosen line of work or to obtain the skills they need for new employment," said Pretti. "Southwestern's Curry Campus is very grateful to have been chosen for this grant award."