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SMART HORIZONS CAREER ONLINE EDUCATION MAKES FIFTY ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ADULT RESIDENTS IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Dr. Howard Liebman, CEO & Superintendent of Smart Horizons Career Online Education (SHCOE), announces that SHCOE is seeking to partner with local education and community organizations that can assist in identifying potential scholarship recipients for its online education program. SHCOE is prepared to offer 50 scholarships to adults who reside in Escambia County.

Smart Horizons Career Online Education is a private online high school district, located in Pensacola, Florida, that gives students returning to the education process an opportunity to earn an 18-credit high school diploma as well as complete course work for a career certificate in one online program. Online courses are currently offered in the fields of health care, early childhood education, transportation services, homeland security, protection services, and office management.

“Our goal is to engage various educational and community-based organizations within Escambia County who are dedicated to providing work force training opportunities to adults,” said Dr. Liebman.

“Escambia County has large medical and childcare education communities and one of our goals at SHCOE is to educate the workforce so we can help energize the economy where there’s a need.”

Liebman said that each scholarship is valued at approximately a thousand dollars—the cost of the SHCOE dual high school and training program. To be eligible, scholarship candidates must be U.S. citizens, must be over 18 years of age, and must have completed the tenth grade in their previous schooling.

“We’re looking for adults who dropped out of high school at some point in their lives and want to go back, but haven’t been able to because of their jobs or having to take care of children,” Liebman said.

“For many of these people, going to a school to attend classes would represent a real challenge.”

SHCOE launched its first group of students on May 1st of this year.

“That first group is progressing very nicely,” Liebman said. “They seem to be engaged by the SHCOE model because it’s designed around both academics and training for their careers. Our students also have an academic coach and take part in webinars specific to the career they’re entering.”

“SHCOE is the first private online high school district in the United States and that’s something to be excited about,” Liebman said. “We’re located right here in Pensacola, so it’s a natural fit for us to go to the City of Pensacola and Escambia County and say we’re ready to be a strong community partner. We want to help educate the work force alongside the Escambia County School District and Pensacola State College, both of whom also have adult education programs, and we are very interested in forming partnerships with these institutions.”

“I am very impressed with the innovative and progressive ideas that went into forming Smart Horizons Career Online Education,” said Ashton Hayward, Pensacola native and current candidate for mayor who serves on the SHCOE District Advisory Council. “Combining academics with career certifications is a very symbiotic approach to training the workforce where there are needs in Pensacola. This is one of my key initiatives in growing the economy.”

Anyone interested in applying for one of the Smart Horizons Career Online Education scholarship should contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-261-6248, or go to www.smarthorizonsonline.org.

About Smart Horizons Career Online Education

Smart Horizons Career Online Education, a private adult online high school district, is a national leader in delivering affordable, career-based online education to students throughout the world. Founded in 2009 and located in Pensacola, Florida, Smart Horizons Career Online Education offers complete career-based online high school diplomas and career (credentialed) certificate in the fields of healthcare, early childhood education, transportation services, homeland security, protection services, and office management. For more information, visit our website at www.smarthorizonsonline.org, call our office at 800-261-6248 or email our office at hliebman@smarthorizonsonline.org.