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Family Establishes “Lee Catt ‘Find Me Foundation’ Scholarship” at MSCC

In memory of their husband and father, family members of the late Troy “Lee” Catt, Jr., have established the “Lee Catt ‘Find Me Foundation’ Memorial Scholarship” at Mid-South Community College.

Catt lost his life in a tragic helicopter crash in November of 2005, and the family started the scholarship fund in the hopes of continuing his legacy of making a difference in the community.



This scholarship recognizes the efforts of Crittenden and Mississippi county agencies that aided in the discovery of the crash site while also encouraging students to pursue Emergency Medical Technician/Search & Rescue careers.

The Lee Catt “Find Me Foundation” Memorial Scholarship fund supports the awarding of a \$500 scholarship each fall and spring to a Mid-South Community College student seeking EMT-Basic and/or Search & Rescue certification. Scholarship funds will be administered by the MSCC Foundation.

Jerri Catt, Lee’s widow, serves as director of the Lee Catt “Find Me Foundation.” She is also a current member of the MSCC Foundation Board of Directors.

“As a member of the Foundation Board of Directors, I understand the importance of supporting our community and this college,” she said. “MSCC has made such a positive difference in so many lives in Crittenden County.”

Catt said higher education has always been a family priority and that a memorial award in Lee’s honor is a fitting tribute to that commitment. “We are very proud of this scholarship,” she said.

The Catt family also includes son Lee, who is married to Kristen Catt (a student at MSCC) and has two children, and daughter Shelbi, who attended MSCC on a Thomas B. Goldsby Jr. scholarship and went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas with a Master of Arts degree in Teaching.

The memorial award is designed to help meet the educational needs of students who demonstrate financial need, and the funds can be applied toward tuition, fees, and/or books.

To be eligible to apply, students must have a high school diploma or GED certificate and must be interested in EMT/Search & Rescue training. Applicants must also submit a brief summary of his/her educational plans and goals.

In addition to the scholarship at MSCC, the Find Me Foundation has directly assisted area emergency search and rescue agencies which participated in locating the crash site. Among the beneficiaries of the Foundation's generosity are the Mississippi County Aviation Unit, the first to find the site (\$13,000); the Crittenden County Search and Rescue (a new four-wheel drive pick-up truck), and the Marion Fire Department (two state-of-the-art defibrillators).

To contribute to the "Lee Catt 'Find Me Foundation' Memorial Scholarship" fund or to establish one of your own, please contact Patti Coleman, MSCC Director of Advancement, at (870) 733-6764 or by email at pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu. The Foundation is also offering direct on-line giving through the College's website, www.midsouthcc.edu (point to the MSCC Foundation link, and click on Give Now).

The Mid-South Community College Foundation, Inc. is an independent charitable organization created to raise and oversee funds donated to MSCC in support of the college's efforts to meet the needs of Crittenden County. The Foundation operates under a tax exempt 501(c)(3) status.