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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT WELD COUNTY BRIGHT FUTURES GRANT PROGRAM

WELD COUNTY, CO – During last week’s Board meeting, Commissioner Pro-Tem Mike Freeman reported the Weld County Commissioners are continuing to do presentations about the Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program. Since its launch on September 1, 2015, the Board has presented to over 15 local businesses, organizations and service groups to explain the donation process, program eligibility requirements and why Bright Futures is beneficial to not only Weld County students but also families and businesses. The commissioners are scheduled to meet with six other businesses, organizations and service groups throughout the rest of October and November.

The Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program is a first-in tuition assistance program for post-secondary education from an accredited institution or certified training program. All students who graduate from high school starting in 2016, who are legally residing in Weld County, and have been residents of Weld County at least two of the last four years; one of those years being the year of graduation from high school are eligible for the grant program. Also, an individual earning a GED after January 1, 2016, who has resided in Weld County two years prior to the application date; one of those years being the year of receiving a GED is eligible as well as any honorably discharged veteran who graduated from a Weld County high school since 2006 and currently resides in the county.

The Board of County Commissioners started this program because they are committed to investing back into the community and building a stronger workforce. In order to start the program, the Board dedicated \$15 million to the grant fund and are encouraging residents and businesses to donate as well. Each resident or business that donates will receive a property tax credit of up to 50% of their donations, as well as State and Federal income tax deduction for their charitable donation.

“By starting this program we are creating opportunities and helping shape the future of Weld County’s workforce,” said Freeman. “It is very rewarding to know with each donation the residents and businesses of Weld County are helping someone further their education.”

If you would like someone to speak to your business or organization about the Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program, please call 970-336-7204 or email brightfutures@weldgov.com.

For more information about the Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program, visit www.weldcountybrightfutures.com.

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