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McDonald's Restaurants Offering Incentives to Employees to Complete Their Education (or Proceed)

McDonald's Restaurants are offering appetizing educational incentives for their employees.

McDonalds Archway to Opportunities offers educational benefits to assist employees earn a high school diploma; tuition assistance for college courses; and enhance one's ability to communicate with co-workers and customers if English is the employee's second language.

McDonald's Restaurant of Shepherdsville Owner/Operator Jon Peter along with General Manager Ericka Bramer and Restaurant Supervisor Bru Peter spoke about the opportunities during a meeting with Bullitt County Public School principals and administrators at the Bullitt County Campus of Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC).

"This program has been around for a few years now but in April of this year the payout for a crew person went from \$700 per year to \$2,500 per year," Bru Peter said.

"The requirements for the program also went from being employed at a McDonald's for a year, to only needing to work at a McDonald's of a minimum of 90 days."

For those reasons, Peter said few employees took advantage of the program. He hopes the increase in benefits and reduced requirements will generate more participation.

In the past few years, he has two Bullitt County high school students win National scholarships through McDonald's. One youth was awarded \$4,500 a year and another \$5,000.

"The Archways program is just a piece of the large budget McDonald's is using to make higher education achievable for everyone that works for us," Peter said. "There are also

grants and discounts available through participating universities which, when paired with this program, can reduce the cost of college to almost nothing.”

All McDonald’s employees and franchise employees are eligible for the Archways program.

“We offer book reimbursement and pay-for-grades at our Shepherdsville location only,” Peter said.

Bullitt County Public Schools has over 13,000 students in grades preschool through 12. There are 25 school facilities, a certified staff of over 900 and a classified staff of over 800 working to make the district the leader in educational excellence.

