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ECE[®] Aid campaign wraps up third year

As student mobility increases globally, initiative expands access to higher education

Milwaukee, Wis. – Dec. 11, 2018 – Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) will begin its third year-end appeal this month to provide fee waivers for educational credential evaluations to vulnerable populations. A critical service for many, credential evaluations allow people educated in other countries to have their academic achievements recognized for the purposes of further study or employment in the United States. The program, ECE[®] Aid, launched in August 2016 and has since raised \$59,813, providing fee waivers to 146 recipients across 44 countries.

According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), global academic mobility is on the rise, with the overall population of mobile students doubling since 2002. Today more than 4 million students study outside their home country, and it is estimated that by 2020 nearly 8 million students will be studying abroad.

“The mobility of students is more important to our community than ever before,” said Margit Schatzman, ECE[®] president. “The reality is not all students have the resources to pursue their dreams alone, and we’re grateful for all of the ECE[®] Aid donors who’ve helped reduce obstacles to equalize global education opportunities.”

A typical evaluation report costs \$160. This important piece of documentation may create a barrier for some students looking to secure an education in the U.S. While the ECE[®] Aid program initially launched with the intention of helping refugees and asylum seekers, the scope has expanded to include those with temporary protected status, special immigrant status, and those affected by natural disasters or extreme hardship.

One hundred percent of donations are allocated specifically to report fees. ECE[®] Aid partners with experienced, trusted agencies and institutions to distribute fee waivers to qualifying participants.

Donations can be made online at www.ece.org/ECEAid.

About Educational Credential Evaluators

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) is a nonprofit located in Milwaukee, Wis. Founded in 1980, ECE is an organization with an international scope that evaluates foreign educational credentials of individuals for the purposes of studying or working in the U.S. ECE reports give individuals from other countries the credit they deserve for education completed in

their home countries and give higher education institutions, employers, and licensing boards confidence that documents have been thoroughly and expertly reviewed as they make decisions on admissions, hiring, and licensure.