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New program eases access to U.S. education and employment ***Educational Credential Evaluators launches fundraising campaign to assist refugees***

MILWAUKEE, WI, U.S., August 23, 2016 – Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) announces ECE®Aid, a fundraising effort to provide fee waivers for educational credential evaluations to refugees and those in need. 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.

A course-by-course evaluation report often averages \$160. However, sometimes the price tag for this important piece of documentation is a barrier for people educated outside of the U.S. to take this first step in pursuing their higher education and employment goals.

“ECE’s staff and board of directors are deeply committed to fulfilling the needs of the international education community, particularly those who are most in need,” said Margit Schatzman, ECE President. “With 100,000 refugees expected to enter the U.S. in 2017, we know we can’t serve everyone. But we are determined to help those we can.”

All monies received via ECE®Aid will be allocated specifically to report fees. Recipients will be selected based on recommendations from ECE’s experienced, trusted partner agencies and institutions, including ACCESS.

Donations can be given by visiting www.ece.org/eceaid.

About Educational Credential Evaluators

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Milwaukee, WI. 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 that they deserve for education completed in their home countries and give higher education institutions, employers and licensing boards confidence that foreign documents have been thoroughly and expertly reviewed as they make decisions on admissions, hiring and licensure. In addition to developing reports, ECE also provides training and support to the international education community and serves in leadership roles of trade organizations. ECE’s mission is to promote the betterment of individuals’ lives and society by ensuring that educational qualifications are fairly and accurately recognized across borders.

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