

## **Cuyahoga Community College's Truck Driver Academy and Women In Trucking team up to offer scholarships for training**

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Plover, WI: Cuyahoga Community College's Truck Driving Academy in Cleveland, Ohio has secured US Department of Transportation tuition funding grant for driver training. As many as six women will be provided full tuition for certification as CDL drivers in cooperation with Women In Trucking Association, Inc.

The program will allow potential drivers to receive 160 hours of classroom and hands on training at the truck driving academy in Euclid, Ohio. Classes will begin soon and any woman interested in becoming a professional driver may apply if they meet the grant requirements.

The potential student must be an Ohio resident over 21 years of age with a valid Ohio driver's license. A copy of a high school diploma or GED is required, or placement testing will be done, along with three years employment history. Additionally, the applicant must have an income level below 200% of the US government poverty guidelines. Other program guidelines must also be met. Applications will be available through Women In Trucking.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to women who have wanted to be trained as professional drivers, but were unable to secure funding," said Kreigh Spahr, Tri-C Driving Academy's Program Manager. Spahr applied for and received the grant through the US Department of Transportation.

"This program will allow six women to enter the trucking industry who might not have had the chance," said Ellen Voie, President/CEO of Women In Trucking. "We are especially pleased that Tri-C will be working with our association to find qualified applicants for the program," Voie added.

Voie completed her CDL training at Tri-C in December 2008 and is familiar with the program. She wrote a book about her experience called, *Crushing Cones: What you should know before attending truck driving school*.

For more information about the program or to complete the application, contact [Ellen@womenintrucking.org](mailto:Ellen@womenintrucking.org).

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