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NAHMA Educational Foundation Looks to Surpass 2015

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 2, 2016 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation recently concluded its 2015 program year, during which it awarded a total of \$212,500 to worthy post-secondary school students who are residents of NAHMA and Affordable Housing Management Association (AHMA) member properties.

Over the life of the program, more than \$734,000 has been awarded to NAHMA scholars residing in communities served by 16 different AHMAs. In 2015, 85 worthy student residents received \$2,500 each. This is the largest number of scholarship recipients ever selected in a single year.

"The NAHMA Educational Foundation is extremely proud to announce a record-breaking year for the Scholarship Program. There were more completed applications received, more scholarships awarded and more total money distributed to recipients than at any other time in the nine-year history of the program. The foundation is grateful to executive board members, staff, AHMA executive directors and their staff and management company personnel that helped to make this happen. And, of course, our biggest thanks goes to all of our donors, without whom, this would not have been possible," Melissa Fish-Crane, NAHMA Educational Foundation chair, said.

The 2016 scholarship application is now available to prospective applicants. Any resident in good standing at an AHMA affiliated apartment community that is a high school graduate and is enrolled at a community college, college/university or trade/technical school is eligible to apply. High school seniors are also eligible to apply. The application is available at <http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation/>. The application must be completed online, and May 27 is the final deadline date for finalized applications. Completed applications must include an application form, an essay, two references, a valid grade transcript and a Certification of Residency in Good Standing form. For more details on applying for a NAHMA Educational Foundation scholarship, contact Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, NAHMA scholarship program administrator, at bwjec@comcast.net or at 215-262-4230.

In addition, the NAHMA Educational Foundation also recently announced key fundraising events planned for 2016, including:

- The second annual Affiliate Members Business Exchange, will be held Sunday, March 6, from 6-7:45 p.m., at the Fairmont Washington, as part of NAHMA's winter meeting in Washington, D.C. Last year's event raised \$12,000. For more details, contact Brenda Moser, director of meetings and membership, 703-683-8630, ext. 112 or brenda.moser@nahma.org.
- On Wednesday, June 15, from 6-9 p.m., a premier fundraising event dinner at Twenty-Five Lusk in San Francisco's SOMA district, in conjunction with the NAHMA and National Apartment Association collocated June meetings. A separate ticket is required.
- The 2017 Drug-Free Kids Poster Auction and Reception takes place Monday, Oct. 24, at the Fairmont Washington, as part of NAHMA's fall meeting in Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile, donations may be made to the foundation at any time, by visiting the [NAHMA Educational Foundation](#) webpage and clicking on the “Donate” button. Also posted on this webpage is a video describing the work of the foundation.

With the close of the program year, the NAHMA Educational Foundation would like to thank its major supporters in 2015:

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(Annual Gifts over \$25,000)

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(Annual Gifts of \$15,001–\$25,000)

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(Annual Gifts of \$5,001–\$15,000)

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The foundation would also like to thank AHMA-PSW, especially AHMA president Jasmine Borrego of Telacu Residential Properties and D. Jo McNamara of B&R Property Management, for hosting the successful June 2015 fundraiser in Las Vegas.

For more details on the mission of the NAHMA Educational Foundation and opportunities to support its work, contact Brenda Moser at brenda.moser@nahma.org.

The NAHMA Educational Foundation is organized and operated exclusively as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Founded in October 1994, the NAHMA Educational Foundation works to assist residents of federally subsidized housing as they strive to enhance their lives, job opportunities and children's futures. Its mission is also to enhance the livability and standing of communities managed by NAHMA member companies nationwide. For more information, visit <http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation>.

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