



### **NAHMA Educational Foundation Looks to Exceed Expectations in 2017**

*Alexandria, Va., Jan. 27, 2017* — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation recently concluded its 2016 program year, during which it awarded a total of \$197,500 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 \$931,500 has been awarded to NAHMA scholars. In 2016, 79 worthy student residents received \$2,500 each. The scholars came from 23 different states and represented 13 different AHMAs.

"The NAHMA foundation was very pleased with the strong application response that was received in 2016 and the outstanding overall quality of the applications we received. Our ability to fund these awards is a direct result of the generous and continuing support of our many donors. The foundation is truly grateful to each and every donor for their support," NAHMA foundation chairperson, Melissa Fish-Crane, said.

The 2017 scholarship application will be available to prospective applicants beginning at 12:01 a.m., Feb. 2. 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 <https://nahma.communityforce.com>. The application must be completed online and May 31 is the deadline for finalized applications. Completed applications must include an application form, two references, an essay, official 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](mailto:bwjec@comcast.net) or at 215-262-4230.

In addition, the NAHMA Educational Foundation also recently announced key fundraising events planned for 2017, including the premier benefit dinner in October, held in conjunction with NAHMA's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The dinner also incorporates the 2018 Drug-Free Kids Poster Auction. A separate ticket to attend the dinner is required.

Meanwhile, donations may be made to the foundation at any time, by visiting the [NAHMA Educational Foundation](#) webpage and downloading the foundation [brochure](#). 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 2016:

#### **Legacy Circle**

*(Annual Gifts over \$25,000)*  
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*(Annual Gifts of \$15,001–\$25,000)*  
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The foundation would also like to thank Debbie Hawkins, along with the staff and volunteers of AHMA-NCH, for hosting the successful June 2016 fundraiser in San Francisco.

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](mailto: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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