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## NAHMA Educational Foundation Accepting 2017 Scholarship Applications

*Alexandria, Va., Feb. 2, 2017* — The NAHMA Educational Foundation is accepting 2017 applications for scholarships to be awarded to worthy student residents. This year will be the 11th consecutive year that the foundation has made scholarships available. To access the application, visit <https://nahma.communityforce.com>. It can also be found on the NAHMA website at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org) then clicking on the Educational Foundation icon. Eligibility for the program requires that an applicant be a resident in good standing at an AHMA-affiliated multifamily community and be either a high school senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA or a matriculated student with a minimum 2.3 GPA at an accredited community college, college, university or trade/technical school.

The process requires applicants to complete an online application form, two references, an essay and a certification of residency in good standing form. A current grade transcript is also necessary and is the only application component sent via U.S. mail to the foundation. All necessary forms are provided within the web-based application at <https://nahma.communityforce.com> and no hard copies are needed.

Anyone with questions about the application process or the scholarship program in general should contact Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, NAHMA scholarship program administrator, at 215-262-4230 or at [bjohnson@themichaelsorg.com](mailto:bjohnson@themichaelsorg.com).

In 2007, the foundation awarded 22 scholarships worth a total of \$22,000 and last year 79 scholarships were awarded worth \$197,500. Additionally, \$2,000 was donated to the Real Estate Management Department at Virginia Tech. Through the 10-year history of the program, more than \$931,500 worth of scholarships have been provided to accomplished student residents. The NAHMA Educational Foundation is very pleased to have been able to create this legacy supporting resident academic achievement for the betterment of communities across the country.

“The award history of the scholarship program demonstrates an impressive and progressive history of support for NAHMA scholars looking to continue their education. The foundation is hopeful that we can again increase the number of awards and the total amount of money being distributed while maintaining our individual award amount of \$2,500 per recipient in 2017. With the ever escalating cost of higher education, our scholarships can have a positive financial impact on our residents that are pursuing their educational goals,” said NAHMA Educational Foundation Chairperson Melissa Fish-Crane during a recent foundation meeting.

The deadline for completed applications is 10 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 31. Please alert your residents about the scholarship program so that they can take advantage of the lengthy timeline that remains to complete their application. The foundation is hopeful that 2017 will bring in more completed applications than in any of the previous 10 years the program has been in existence.

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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