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## Online Application Process for 2018 NAHMA Educational Foundation Scholarship Program Opens

*Alexandria, Va., Feb. 6, 2018* — The NAHMA Educational Foundation is accepting 2018 applications for scholarships to be awarded to worthy student residents. This year will be the 12th 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), by clicking on the Educational Foundation link under the About Us tab. 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@tmo.com](mailto:bjohnson@tmo.com).

In 2007, the foundation awarded 22 scholarships worth a total of \$22,000 and last year a record 130 scholarships were awarded worth \$325,000. Additionally, \$2,000 was donated to the Real Estate Management Department at Virginia Tech. Through the 11-year history of the program, more than \$1,250,000 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 foundation is one of only a few of its type in the nation and we are very proud of the difference we have made in the lives of families living in affordable housing,” said Melissa Fish-Crane, NAHMA Educational Foundation chair. “We appreciate the continued financial support of the friends of the NAHMA Educational Foundation and welcome any area businesses, corporations, private trusts, families and individuals who wish to join us in our effort to recognize and assist those who are the future of their respective communities.”

The deadline for completed applications is 10 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 25. 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 2018 will bring in more completed applications than in any of the previous 11 years the program has been in existence.

To help support the scholarship program with a tax-deductible donation, text NAHMA to 243-725 or visit <http://bidpal.net/NAHMA>.

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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