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## One Week Left to Complete the NAHMA Educational Foundation Scholarship Application

Alexandria, Va., May 7, 2019 — The deadline to submit an application for the NAHMA Educational Foundation scholarship program is next week. Do not miss your chance to be selected for a scholarship to help defray the costs of continuing your education. To access the application, visit <a href="https://nahma.communityforce.com">https://nahma.communityforce.com</a>. It can also be found on the NAHMA website at <a href="www.nahma.org">www.nahma.org</a> by clicking on the Educational Foundation link under the About Us tab. The deadline for completed applications is 10 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 15. This year will be the 13th consecutive year that the foundation has made scholarships available.

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 grade point average of 2.5, a general equivalency diploma holder or a matriculated student with a minimum grade point average of 2.3 at an accredited college or trade/technical school. **New this year:** the foundation will no longer accept applications from students in graduate-level programs.

The process requires applicants to complete the online application form, as well as provide two references, an essay and a Certification of Residency in Good Standing form. All necessary forms are provided within the web-based application at <a href="https://nahma.communityforce.com">https://nahma.communityforce.com</a> and no hard copies are needed. Furthermore, a grade transcript through the fall 2018 is also necessary and is the only application component sent via U.S. mail to the foundation. The mailing address is included in the application information section.

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 <a href="mailto:bjohnson@tmo.com">bjohnson@tmo.com</a>.

Last year, the foundation awarded 64 scholarships worth a total of \$160,000 to worthy student residents.

"The foundation is excited about the release of the 2019 application and is looking forward to continuing the outstanding legacy and tradition of awarding scholarships to residents. In our continuing attempt to make impactful awards the scholarships will again each be worth \$2,500 in 2019. We are so appreciative of the steadfast and unwavering support of our donors and sponsors that make this outstanding program possible. Please encourage your eligible residents to take advantage of this fine program," NAHMA Educational Foundation Chairperson Alice Fletcher said.

Please alert your residents about the scholarship program so that they can take advantage of this opportunity and the time that remains to complete their application by May 15. A downloadable

<u>promotional flyer</u> is available on the foundation webpage. The foundation is hopeful that 2019 will bring in more completed applications than in any of the previous 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 <a href="mailto:brenda.moser@nahma.org">brenda.moser@nahma.org</a>.

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 <a href="http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation">http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation</a>.

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