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## NAHMA Educational Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications Online

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 16, 2020 — The NAHMA Educational Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded to worthy student residents in 2020. This year will be the 14th consecutive year that the foundation has made scholarships available. 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 <a href="Educational Foundation">Educational Foundation</a> link under the About Us tab. The deadline for completed applications is 10 p.m. Eastern on Friday, May 15. In 2019, over 70% of applicants filing a completed application received a scholarship.

Eligibility for the program requires that an applicant be a resident in good standing at an AHMA/NAHMA affiliated apartment community and be either a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5, a general equivalency diploma holder or a matriculated student with a minimum GPA of 2.3 at an accredited college or trade/technical school. 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 academic and/or professional references, an essay and a certification of residency in good standing form. A grade transcript through the fall 2019 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 <a href="https://nahma.communityforce.com">https://nahma.communityforce.com</a> 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.

Last year, the foundation awarded 109 scholarships totaling \$272,500 to worthy student residents.

"The NAHMA Educational Foundation Board of Directors is excited to be releasing the scholarship application for the 14th consecutive year. We fully anticipate that each of our individual scholarships will be worth \$2,500 again this year as we continue our endeavor to make our scholarships financially meaningful to resident recipients. Another goal for 2020, will be to expand our footprint to more states across the country. The foundation remains steadfast and unwavering in our sincere appreciation for the support of the program provided by our sponsors and donors that make it all possible," Alice Fletcher, NAHMA Educational Foundation chairperson, said.

Please assist the foundation in promoting the scholarship program to your residents by downloading and sharing the <u>promotional flyer</u> available on the <u>foundation webpage</u>. The foundation is hopeful that 2020 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 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 <a href="http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation">http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation</a>.

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