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NAHMA Educational Foundation Thanks Its Supporters and Looks Ahead to 2020

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 24, 2020 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation recently concluded its 2019 program year, during which it awarded a total of \$162,000 to worthy postsecondary school students who are residents of NAHMA and Affordable Housing Management Association (AHMA) member properties.

Over the life of the program, more than \$1,685,000 has been awarded to NAHMA scholars. In 2019, 109 worthy student residents received \$2,500 each. The scholars came from 23 different states and the District of Columbia, and represent 14 different regional AHMAs.

The 2020 scholarship application is currently available to prospective applicants. Any resident in good standing at an AHMA- or NAHMA-affiliated apartment community that is a high school graduate or general equivalency diploma holder and is enrolled at an accredited 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 15, 10 p.m. EDT is the deadline for finalized applications. Completed applications must include an application form, two academic and/or professional 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 bjohnson@tmo.com or at 215-262-4230.

"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," NAHMA Educational Foundation Chairperson Alice Fletcher said.

In addition, the NAHMA Educational Foundation has key fundraising events planned for 2020, including the premier benefit dinner in October, held in conjunction with NAHMA's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The dinner also incorporates the Drug-Free Kids Calendar poster auction, as well as other live and silent auction items. A separate ticket is required to attend the dinner.

Meanwhile, <u>donations</u> may be made to the foundation at any time, by visiting the <u>NAHMA Educational</u> <u>Foundation</u> webpage and downloading the foundation <u>brochure</u>. Also posted on this webpage are videos highlighting the work of the foundation.

With the close of the program year, the NAHMA Educational Foundation would like to thank its major supporters in 2019:

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The foundation would also like to thank NAHMA Educational Foundation Event Committee Chair Megan Davidson and the committee volunteers, Amber Day, Stefanie Lee, Karin McGrath Dunn, Carlita Mendez and Gemi Ozdemir, along with Daria Jakubowski and Betsy Eddy of SAHMA, for hosting the successful October 2019 fundraiser in Washington, D.C.

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 www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation.

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