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NAHMA Educational Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications Online

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 19, 2021 — The NAHMA Educational Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded to worthy student residents in 2021. This year will be the 15th 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 by clicking on the Educational Foundation link under the About Us tab. The deadline for completed applications is 10 p.m. Eastern on Friday, May 15. In 2020, 80% of applicants filing a completed application received a scholarship resulting in the foundation awarding 108 scholarships worth a total of \$270,000.

Eligibility for the program requires that an applicant be a resident in good standing at an AHMA/NAHMA affiliated multifamily community and be either a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5; or 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 required application components include an application form, two references, an essay, and a certification of residency in good standing form. Additionally, a grade transcript—due to COVID-19 considerations, an unofficial grade transcript will be acceptable—showing grades through the fall 2020 semester is the only component submitted to the foundation via U.S. mail. All of the other required forms are provided within the web-based software; hence, 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 bjohnson@tmo.com.

"The NAHMA Educational Foundation Board of Directors is so very appreciative of the continuing generosity of our many donors during these difficult times. Their support will allow the foundation to continue making \$2,500 individual awards in 2021. So please encourage your residents to apply for a scholarship this year," NAHMA Educational Foundation chairperson, Alice Fletcher, 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 Educational Foundation's <u>webpage</u>. The foundation is hopeful that 2021 will bring in more completed applications than in any of the previous years the program has been in existence.

For more details on the NAHMA Educational Foundation's mission 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 http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation.

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