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## NAHMA Educational Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications Online

*Alexandria, Va., Feb. 14, 2023* — The 2023 NAHMA Educational Foundation scholarship season is open, and the digital application is now available online. The application has been revised to make it more user-friendly and to secure more completed submissions. This will be the 17th consecutive year the foundation will make scholarships available to worthy student residents. To access the application, visit <u>https://nahma.communityforce.com</u>. The deadline for completed applications is 10 p.m. Eastern on May 12.

In 2022, the foundation awarded 96 student-residents scholarships. Each scholarship is worth \$3,500; the total scholarship money awarded last year was \$336,000. More than 75% of eligible applicants have received scholarships.

Eligibility for the program requires that an applicant be a resident in good standing at an AHMA- or NAHMA- member multifamily community and be either a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5; or a high school equivalency diploma holder or matriculated college student with a minimum GPA of 2.3 at an accredited community college, college, university, or trade/technical school. Applications from students in graduate-level programs are not accepted.

The required application components include an application form, one reference, an essay, and a certification of residency in good standing form. Additionally, an official grade transcript showing courses taken and grades awarded through the fall semester of the 2022/2023 school year is also required, and it is the only component submitted to the foundation via mail. All necessary forms are provided within the web-based software.

The application can also be found on the NAHMA website at <u>www.nahma.org</u> by clicking on the <u>Educational Foundation</u> link under the About Us tab.

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 <u>bjohnson@tmo.com</u>.

"We encourage application from any resident of an AHMA-member community who is a high school senior, holds a high school diploma, or a high school equivalency diploma holder and intends to continue, or begin, their pursuit in higher education this year. Higher education includes attendance at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/professional school, or institute. We invite all who are eligible to apply for the scholarship grants to be awarded in 2023," said NAHMA Educational Foundation Chairperson Alicia Stoermer Clark. "The NAHMA Educational Foundation is one of only a few of its type in the nation. We are very proud of the impact the scholarship program has made in the lives of many from our AHMA-member affordable housing communities."

Please assist the foundation in promoting the scholarship program to your residents by downloading and sharing the promotional flyers (<u>English</u> version, <u>Spanish</u> version) available on the Educational Foundation's <u>webpage</u>. The foundation is hopeful that 2023 will bring in more completed applications than in any previous years the program has existed.

For more details on the NAHMA Educational Foundation's mission and opportunities to support its work, contact Brenda Moser at <u>brenda.moser@nahma.org</u>.

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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