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Federally Assisted Residents Urged to Apply for Tuition Assistance

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Leased Housing Association (NLHA) Education Fund is seeking applications for its resident scholarship program. The NLHA Education Fund was formed by the National Leased Housing Association in 2007 to provide educational assistance to residents of federally assisted rental housing.

The Education Fund is made possible through the tax-deductible donations of affordable housing providers, lenders and brokers with significant assistance provided by our partner Apartment Income REIT Corporation, known as AIR Communities (formerly AIMCO) through its charity. Last year 95 scholarships were awarded. To date, the Fund has provided over \$1.6 million in tuition assistance.

The Education Fund will provide scholarships on behalf eligible individuals living in privately owned federally assisted housing which includes project-based rental assistance, LIHTC or Section 8 voucher recipients following four distinctive roads to higher education, three named in memory of long-time housing advocates. Funds are provided directly to the college/school for tuition assistance on behalf of successful applicants upon confirmation of need. Applicants may only apply under one of the following categories:

The AIR Gives Opportunity Scholarship – *This scholarship is designed to assist college freshmen or returning undergraduates.*

The Bill Gandert Memorial Vocational Scholarship – *This scholarship program is directed to graduating high school seniors interested in studying a specific trade (electrician; nurse; plumber; medical assistant; hair stylist; paramedic; etc.)*

The Mary Lou Manzie Memorial Scholarship – *Assistance will be provided to benefit non-traditional students (students who have been out of high school for at least three years) in pursuing an associates or undergraduate degree.*

The Neil Churchill Memorial Scholarship – *is provided to those eligible applicants who are seeking to complete graduate level coursework.*

Specific criteria have been developed for each scholarship category and consideration will be afforded to all eligible candidates who apply. All applicants must apply (starting November 1) electronically through NLHA's website at: http://www.hudnlha.com/education_fund/index.asp or directly at <https://nlhascholars.communityforce.com>. **Applications are due by March 13, 2026.** Awards are expected to be announced in early June.