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NLHA Announces Scholarship Program for Assisted Housing Residents

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Leased Housing Association (NLHA) Education Fund is seeking applications for its 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 AIMCO through its AIMCO Cares charity. Last year 61 scholarships were awarded.

The Education Fund will provide scholarship monies to eligible individuals living in federally assisted housing or Section 8 voucher recipients following four distinctive roads to higher education, three named in memory of a long-time housing advocate. Applicants may only apply under **one** of the following categories:

***The AIMCO Cares Scholarship** - Funds will be available to assist college freshmen or returning undergraduates.*

***The Bill Gandert Memorial Scholarship** – This scholarship program is directed to graduating high school seniors interested in studying a specific trade.*

***The Mary Lou Manzie Memorial Scholarship** – Assistance will be provided to benefit non-traditional students in pursuing higher education or training.*

***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 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 25, 2015.** Awards are expected to be announced in early June.