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**Ag Health Benefits Alliance Awards \$48,000 in Scholarships**  
*Scholarship Program Supports Agricultural Workers & Their Families*

Napa Valley, July 16, 2024 —Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) is pleased to announce it has awarded \$48,000 in grants to this year’s recipients of its scholarship program, the AHBA Educational Foundation, LLC. The program offers scholarship grant opportunities for AHBA Member Employers’ eligible employee plan participants, their spouses, and children or grandchildren.

In the five short years since its formation, the AHBA Educational Foundation has awarded over \$180,000 in scholarships to almost 60 applicants. Michael Wolf, an AHBA board member and founder, says “When we started this program, I really didn’t have a full understanding of the impact that we could have. Seeing the caliber of young people coming from our agricultural community and being able to help them achieve their educational goals is more gratifying than I could have imagined. What’s even better is that it feels like this journey is just beginning.”

This year’s award winners are:

Berenize Marcelo Amezcua	UC Santa Cruz	Education/Justice
Jazmin Ortiz Ayala	Solano Community College	Business Admin, Human Resources
Arleth Bautista Bernal	Cal Poly	Plant Science
Ana Cisneros	UC Davis	Psychology/Chicano Studies
Cooper Dodd	Napa Valley College	Pilot, Astronaut
Cristian Flores	Sonoma State	Psychology
Diego Guerrero	Sacramento State	Mechanical Engineer
Ariatna Navarrete Gonzalez	UC Berkeley	Integrative Biology
Vanessa Guzman	Sacramento State	Psychology
Lizbeth Hernandez	Clark University	Business
Lyzet Montanez Hurtado	Stanford University	Political Science
Linda Maciel Nunez	Sonoma State	English
Justice Penterman	UC Berkeley	Chemical Biology
Jasmin Miranda Perez	Napa Valley College	Nursing
Jacqueline Ramirez	Napa Valley College	Biology
Breanna Tyler	Santa Rosa Junior College	Graphic Arts
Andrea Villasenor	UC Davis	Viticulture & Enology

“Congratulations to this year’s awardees!” says Foundation President, Rebecca Barlow. “We are especially pleased to grant second-year awards to Arleth, Cristian, Diego and Lizbeth. It is exciting to follow their progress and see them achieve their educational goals. This is the largest number of grants we have awarded in any year to date—the future is bright!”

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**About Ag Health Benefits Alliance:** Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) has been providing affordable health insurance and other benefits to agricultural employees in Northern California since its founding as the California Winegrower Foundation in 1972. Started by a group of forward-thinking winegrape growers who shared a common goal of improving working conditions, AHBA is a non-profit member organization that supports both employers and employees. AHBA's members were dedicated to providing health benefits for employees, including seasonal workers, long before required by law. Today, AHBA provides those benefits to more than 1,500 agricultural employees.

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