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Ag Health Benefits Alliance Scholarship Program Opens Applications

Program Provides Both Academic & Vocational Scholarship Support to Farmworkers & Their Families

Napa, CA, March 11, 2025— Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) is now accepting scholarship applications to the AHBA Educational Foundation, LLC. through March 31st. The program offers awards in amounts of up to \$5,000 per awardee for its members and their families who participate in the Ag Health Benefits group health plan.

In the five short years since its formation, the AHBA Educational Foundation has awarded over \$180,000 in scholarships to almost 60 applicants. “In addition to traditional Academic scholarships, we also offer Vocational scholarships for trade school, job training or certificate programs,” says AHBA Educational Foundation President Rebecca Barlow. Additional details are available on the website, aghealthbenefits.org/scholarships/.

The AHBA scholarship program is made possible through donations from Mike Wolf, the Michael L. Wolf Trust and other sources. “We are pleased to see a growing interest from employees who wish to continue their education and advance their careers,” says Wolf. “Our aim is that these scholarships will be of great benefit to both the employee and their employer.”

The program has garnered appreciation from previous successful applicants:

“Finances can feel like the biggest barrier to education, but thankfully, there are people and resources kind enough to help you achieve your dreams!” ATE, Academic award 2023

“The scholarship helped me financially and to gain confidence in myself. Thanks to this program, now I'm going to start my own small business.” CEE, Vocational awards 2022 and 2023

“This award helped me to pursue my dream to be a Barber.” GA, Vocational award 2023

“To future applicants, don't hesitate to apply. Be honest about your story and what drives you. Opportunities like this scholarship exist because people believe in your potential. Keep pushing forward, and trust that your efforts will pay off.” ABB, Academic award 2024

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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 it was required by law. Today, AHBA provides those benefits to more than 2000 agricultural employees and their family members.

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