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Application Period Opens for Ag Health Benefits Alliance Scholarship Program

Now in Second Year, Program Provides Scholarship Support to Farmworkers & Their Families

Napa, CA, March 2, 2021— Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) is now accepting scholarship applications to the AHBA Educational Foundation, LLC through March 31. Made possible through donations from Board member Mike Wolf, the Michael L. Wolf Trust and other sources, the program is available to AHBA group health plan participants, their spouses, and children or grandchildren.

“Unlike most scholarships that extend to higher education, this program also makes grants available for technical, trade or vocational schools,” notes AHBA Educational Foundation President Rebecca Barlow. “This presents a unique opportunity for employees to improve on their job skills and increase their earning potential.” The program is also open to aspiring students who are not yet in school but planning for their future, and current full- or part-time students at any vocational, educational or job training program or any college or university.

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee and several grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000 each in May; these will apply to the Fall semester. “In 2020, we were delighted to receive over 30 applications and ultimately awarded six scholarship grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000, for a combined total of \$26,000,” says Barlow.

The 2021 Application Period runs from March 1 to March 31. Applications and more information are available on the website, www.aghealthbenefits.org/scholarships/.

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 1,500 agricultural employees.

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