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**Ag Health Benefits Alliance Awards \$35,000 in Scholarships**  
*Program Provides Scholarship Support to Farmworkers & Their Families*

Napa Valley, June 23, 2021 —Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) is proud to announce the grant recipients of its scholarship program, the AHBA Educational Foundation, LLC. The Foundation awarded ten grants in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to the following successful applicants:

<b>Award Winners</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Course of Study</b>
Jasmine Alonso	Napa Valley College	Viticulture
Samantha Paniagua Diaz	Maryville University	Social Work
Amanda Fuentes	Napa Valley College	Business Administration
Eduardo Manuel Gonzalez	Chico State	Criminal Justice
Wyatt Gray	UCLA	Biochemistry
Janette Ramirez	Sonoma State	Nursing
Alexi Rosenbrand	Texas Christian University	Interior Architecture
Cesar Alejandro Castro Rubio	Wesleyan University	Physics
Veronica Denyse Morales Solorio	Sacramento State	Communication Science
Daniela Mendoza Tapia	Chico State	Biology

“This is the program’s second year and it is gratifying to see the progress of our first-year grant recipients, two of whom applied for and were awarded grants this year as well,” says Executive Director Rebecca Barlow. “It is exciting to support all of these well-deserving recipients and to see the wide range of their educational goals.”

Made possible by the generous support of Board member Mike Wolf and others, the program offers scholarship grant opportunities for AHBA Member Employers’ eligible employee plan participants, their spouses, and children or grandchildren. The program’s aim is to help enable the recipients to complete vocational or trade school programs or obtain college education in the field of their choice.

**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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