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Application Period Opens for Ag Health Benefits Alliance Scholarship Program
Now in Third Year, Program Provides Scholarship Support to Farmworkers & Their Families

Napa, CA, March 7, 2022— Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) is now accepting scholarship applications to the AHBA Educational Foundation, LLC through March 25. Made possible through donations from 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.

“In first two years of the program, we have awarded 15 scholarship grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000” notes AHBA Educational Foundation President Rebecca Barlow. “Unlike most scholarships that extend to higher education, this program also makes grants available for technical, trade or vocational schools. This presents a unique opportunity for employees to improve on their job skills and increase their earning potential,” says Barlow. The program is also open to eligible applicants who are current full- or part-time students at any vocational, educational or job training program or any college or university.

The program has garnered appreciation from previous successful applicants:

“Thanks to you, I am able to continue my education and complete one of my family’s and my biggest dreams —which is me graduating from college. I will forever be thankful.”—V.M.S., Napa

“A big thank you to you for believing in me and allowing me to continue my studies. I look forward to seeing what this upcoming school year has in store for me!” —E.G., St. Helena

The 2022 Application Period runs from March 1 to March 25 and scholarships will be awarded in May. 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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