

**GOVERNING BOARD POLICY**  
*Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District*

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**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Governing Board of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (District) to establish the Environmental Scholarship Program consistent with the intent of the guidance of the California Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**AMPLIFICATION OF POLICY:**

A. General

1. Allocations to fund the Environmental Scholarship Program will be made from portions of the settlement monies of enforcement actions brought by the District or settlement of lawsuits based on information provided by the District. The monies awarded to the scholarship recipients shall come from:
  - a. The interest earned from principal allocated to the scholarship program; or
  - b. In the event the principal is not large enough to generate interest sufficient to establish successful or equitable scholarship programs, the principal will be used to fund the scholarship programs until the principal is exhausted.
2. No allocation which is greater than fifty (50) percent of the monies received in settlement of any particular enforcement action or lawsuit may be made to fund the scholarship programs.
3. The criteria for the award of any scholarship will directly and proximately relate to the District and shall meet the legal nexus for environmental justice.

B. Establishment of Environmental Scholarship Programs

1. The Environmental Scholarship Program may be established at any public school, college or university or other institutions of higher learning directly and proximately impacted by the violation resulting in the enforcement action or the lawsuit that generated the monies for the scholarship.
2. It is the finding of the Governing Board that any institution physically located within the legal jurisdictional boundaries of the air district where the violation occurred shall be conclusively presumed to have the legal nexus for the purpose of meeting environmental justice.
3. It is the finding of the Governing Board that any institution physically located within the legal jurisdictional boundaries of the Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB) where the violation occurred shall be conclusively presumed to have the legal nexus for the purpose of meeting environmental justice.
4. It is the finding of the Governing Board that any institution located directly and proximately downwind of the source of the violation and impacted by the violation shall be conclusively presumed to have the legal nexus for the purposes of meeting environmental justice, notwithstanding the air district or the air basin in which the institution is located.

C. Criteria for Award of Scholarship

1. The scholarship recipient must be a resident of the MDAB or a student or a graduate of an institution meeting the requirements of Section A above.
2. The scholarship recipient must carry at least ten (10) academic units during the semester or quarter for which the scholarship is awarded.
3. The scholarship recipient shall be determined by each school, college, university or other institutions pursuant to the prevailing procedures used by the respective institution for the award of scholarships at each such institution. In no event shall the District, its employees, staff, or governing board members be involved in the selection of any scholarship recipient.
4. The scholarship recipient must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 based on an A = 4.0. Once a candidate for scholarship meets the minimum grade point average requirement, the criteria for further evaluation of the candidates shall shift to those qualifications that are stated in Paragraph C-5 below.

5. The scholarship recipient must have demonstrated a serious interest or commitment to the environmental issues during the course of his or her high school education. This interest or commitment may be demonstrated through achievement in sciences, vocational sciences, community activities, or involvement in environmental issues.

D. Modification of Program

1. The District will modify the Environmental Scholarship Program as may be required to comply with any requirements imposed by law or regulation.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District

Approved as to Legal Form

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