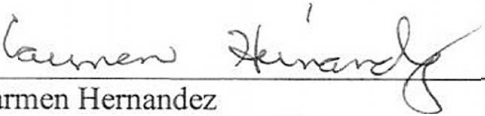


GOVERNING BOARD POLICY
Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: LOCAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Governing Board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) to engage with community colleges and four-year universities located within or near the District's jurisdiction and develop financial assistance and/or scholarship agreements to provide support for student-learning with an emphasis on environmental sciences and preferably, air quality.

AMPLIFICATION OF POLICY:

A. General

1. The District has a strong desire to ensure continuing education in the field of air quality and general environmental studies among the local student population to grow the field of qualified individuals to work in the many environmental agencies and fields available in the Mojave Air Basin. The specific criteria for scholarships will be determined through endowment agreements between the District and the foundation offering the scholarship.
2. Partnerships: The Governing Board further supports scholarship opportunities and program support to enrolled individuals pursuing continuing education including community colleges, universities, vocational schools and other forms of additional training and education. Examples of such institutions within the MDAQMD Jurisdiction include Victor Valley College, Barstow Community College, Copper Mountain College, San Joaquin Valley College and Palo Verde Valley College.
3. SEPs are defined as environmentally beneficial projects which an alleged violator agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action but which the alleged violator is not otherwise legally required to perform. SEPs are one form of funding

that could be used for scholarship/endowment agreements. In Governing Board Policy 98-01 it is the intent of the Governing Board to establish a variety of programs to be funded by portions of settlement monies designated as SEPs and used to make grants for scholarships and environmental projects that are consistent with SEP guidance. The criteria for the award of any scholarships will directly and proximately relate to the District and shall meet the legal nexus for environmental justice.

4. Allocations to fund the SEP Program will be made from specific portions of the monies obtained in settlement of enforcement actions brought by the District or settlement of administrative or civil actions based on information provided by the District which are designated for use as SEPs in the settlement agreement or other documentation

B. Scholarship Endowment at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB)

1. The endowment partnership with CSUSB created the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Scholarship (MDAQMDS) in 2001. The interest earnings of the principal dictate the scholarship award amount available each year to eligible students. The District will annually review the amount available, and may, to the extent possible, augment the funds up to but not to exceed \$5,000 for scholarship(s) for that year. The funds will be distributed in a manner agreed upon with CSUSB.
2. The original CSUSB endowment agreement was established through a supplemental environmental project (SEP), as established through Governing Board Policy 98-01.
3. Finding of Legal Nexus: The Governing Board hereby finds that establishment of scholarships in accordance with the criteria set by the District at any public school or college physically located in the District have a sufficient legal nexus in providing environmental education and advancing the cause of environmental justice within the District. The MDAQMDS has been established at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) because the Governing Board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has made a finding that a scholarship program at CSUSB will advance the cause of environmental justice and CSUSB has a sufficient legal nexus to the District in that there is no four-year public college or university within the District, CSUSB is within commuting distance to a majority of the population of the District, and many students from the District attend CSUSB.

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