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**December 1 Deadline for Martin County College-Bound Students
To Apply for Nina Haven Charitable Foundation Scholarships**

STUART, FL –The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation (NHCF) is accepting scholarship applications from Martin County high school graduating seniors through December 1. To receive up to a \$2,500-a-year scholarship, applicants must commit to continuing their education at any accredited two or four-year college or university. The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation scholarships are awarded based on financial need, scholastic ability, and academic GPA. Since the scholarship is renewable by maintaining the required 2.0 or better academic GPA, applicants may receive as much as \$10,000 toward their education. NHCF has awarded more than \$3.7 million to 800 students in Martin County since 1961.

According to the NHCF president, Judith Weber, who was also a Nina Haven Charitable Foundation scholarship recipient, “Applicants must submit an essay by December 1 through their high school guidance counselor’s office on why they feel they should be considered and why they deserve the scholarship. The final 30 scholars will be selected after one-on-one interviews by our panel of board members in February.”

To prepare students for the interviews, NHCF recently presented three workshops at Martin County, South Fork and Jensen Beach High Schools on how to succeed in the all important interview that could change their lives. “They only have seven minutes to make a positive impression on the panel,” explains Weber. “Preparation is critical.”

Applicants will be judged on interview skills including:

- Appearance
- Personality
- Poise & Self Confidence
- Communication Skills
- Leadership Abilities

The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation, one of Martin County’s oldest scholarship programs, currently supports 100 students in colleges and universities nationwide. The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation was the first to ignore race in awarding scholarships to Murray High School, which was all African-American before Martin Country schools were integrated. Today, the Foundation continues to embrace diversity in selecting the recipients for its scholarships. The Nina Haven Charitable Foundation is governed by an all-volunteer board.

For more information: call 772-287-7645, email: info@ninahaven.org; or visit the website: www.ninahaven.org.

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