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**FRIENDLY HOUSE, APS PARTNER TO LAUNCH LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Program will award a total of \$50,000 in scholarships for adult learners throughout Arizona*

PHOENIX – Friendly House today announced a partnership with Arizona Public Service (APS) to launch a new scholarship program for students interested in pursuing careers as electrical lineworkers. The program will provide students with scholarships of up to \$10,000 each to complete a lineworker certificate program at either Chandler-Gilbert Community College or Yavapai Community College.

“The scholarship program will remove the financial obstacle that is often present for young adult students pursuing a new career,” said Miguel Bravo, manager at APS. “This program will prepare students with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully enter and pass the often-rigorous pre-apprentice lineman program at utility companies throughout the country and help them secure a rewarding career.”

Candidates will be selected based on financial need, understanding of the lineman career field and additional eligibility requirements. Selected candidates will be eligible to begin classes in the fall of 2019 and complete their certification by summer of 2020, making them eligible to apply to the 2021 Pre-Apprentice Lineman program at APS.

“Though lineworker positions are often on high demand at higher salary ranges than the average annual salary in Arizona, the skills necessary to successfully enter the field often require prior training,” said Jerry Mendoza, CEO of Friendly House Inc. “This program will enable students from throughout Arizona to gain the skills necessary to be successful in the field.”

Applications are now available and are due on **May 10, 2019**. To apply, visit [friendlyhouse.org](http://friendlyhouse.org) or call 602-416-7239 to learn more.

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**About Friendly House**

Friendly House is a multi-service non-profit organization located in Phoenix, Arizona that offers wide-ranging programs aimed at addressing the pressing needs of our diverse community. Our efforts have resulted in building resilient communities that are helping to spur economic development stabilize neighborhoods and revitalize our city. For more information, call (602) 257-1870.

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