

"Armstrong Says OHA Foundation to Explain Awards Better". And this article was written by a Cindy Gonzales. It says the following: Four teenagers who received scholarships from the Omaha Housing Authority Foundation said they were misled into believing their tuition costs would be paid for four years at Langston University in Oklahoma. Robert Armstrong, executive director of the OHA and an alumnus of Langston, said he does not know how the students got that impression. He said the students were told they might have to apply for loans and invest some of their own money to get an education at the historically black college. Still, Armstrong said, the apparent miscommunication will lead to changes in the way the scholarship program is presented to future recipients. "We'll do a much more thorough explanation of not only what the program is but also of the terminology," he said. Scholarships were the subject of two recent meetings between the OHA parents and students. The topic came up during a meeting last week that Armstrong called to discuss how 15 young people who grew up in Omaha public housing were progressing at their respective colleges. Part of the confusion, the students said, stems from letters and plaques they received from the OHA. An August letter to 1993 high school graduate Catina Nelson said in part, "through the Omaha Housing Authority Foundation, Inc., you have been named recipient of a four-year scholarship to Langston University." A plaque presented during an awards ceremony to another 1993 graduate stated: "In recognition of her outstanding academic achievements, Quatesha Kern is hereby presented a full four-year scholarship to Langston University." Miss Kern and Miss Nelson, both 19, are college roommates. They said they learned late in their first semester that they must pay the balance of tuition not covered by federal financial aid, campus jobs and university scholarships. "We're frustrated, we're disgusted," Miss Kern said. "I'd like to know what their (the OHA) definition of a full, four-year ride is." Armstrong said the Langston-bound students and their parents were told the foundation scholarship meant the students would benefit from an arrangement OHA has with Langston administrators to identify revenue sources that would enable the students to attend the university. He said that arrangement is a combination of government grants, loans, university-issued scholarships and other assistance for which students might be eligible. The total for annual tuition and fees for Omaha students at the Oklahoma university is about \$7,000. "Maybe the word scholarship is a misnomer," Armstrong said. "Maybe we should change it to financial package. But this is a good program that's helping students go to college who