

# 2017 Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Vocational/Technical Scholarship

Application deadline: Must be postmarked or submitted by March 20, 2017

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The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit 501-c3 corporation that provides scholarships for outstanding high school seniors who participate in activities and events at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, including the San Diego County Fair. (One scholarship category, Employee, is open to high school seniors and college students.)

The Foundation offers scholarships in six categories: 4-H, FFA, Employee, Exhibitor/Participant, Junior Livestock Auction, and Vocational/Technical. In addition, the most outstanding student will be awarded the Spanjian Family Scholarship and will receive an additional \$5,000. Please see each scholarship category's application for number of awards and amounts. **Applicants may apply for only one category.**

Scholarship winners demonstrate talent for organization, leadership and innovation and make a valuable contribution to the community through participation in events at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, their school and extra-curricular activities.

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## **This application is for the Vocational/Technical scholarship.**

**The Vocational/Technical category** requires that the student must have participated (but not necessarily during the applying year) in the San Diego County Fair or other Del Mar Fairgrounds events as an exhibitor, participant or employee. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in this category.

### **Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria:**

- **Student** must be a resident of San Diego County and a senior in high school with anticipation of graduating no later than July 31, 2017.
- **Student** must submit a certified copy of his or her high school transcript with application.
- **Scholarship** must be used to pursue a vocational education curriculum at a community college or accredited trade school with the goal of obtaining an AA or AS degree or certificate. Upon receiving student's verification of enrollment, a check for the scholarship amount will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of the designated school.
- **Scholarship** must be used by the recipient within four years. If the full amount of the scholarship is not used in that time, the recipient must apply for an extension, or the scholarship funds will be returned to the Don Diego Scholarship Foundation.

**Applications** will be screened by community leaders and/or Del Mar Fairgrounds staff members, who will select semi-finalists. Semi-finalists will be interviewed by a committee of Don Diego Board Members, who will select the scholarship recipients.

# Don Diego Foundation Evaluation Guidelines for Applicants

Updated: 26 December 2016

Criteria and points below are provided as a tool to help Screening Committees and Board Members review each scholarship application. This will provide consistency in selection criteria priorities as a Board, while maintaining an objective process as each Screener and Director evaluates individual applicants.

College & Career Plans	10 Points
Academic Performance	25 Points
Extracurricular Activities	10 Points
Community Service	15 Points
Participation at Fair	10 Points
Written Expression	5 Points
Letters of Recommendation	5 Points
Financial Need	15 Points
Additional Factors	<u>5 Points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

# The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Scholarship

Please print or type in ink. Attach additional pages, if needed. **Do Not Staple.**

## Applying for the Vocational/Technical Scholarship Category

### Applicant Information

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Name of parent(s)/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study or Technical Certificate Program \_\_\_\_\_

Student will live:  On Campus  Off Campus  Will Commute

Student will be enrolled:  Less than half-time  Half-time or more  Full-time

## Transcript Information

You **must** include a certified high school transcript of grades and have the following section completed by the appropriate school official.

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Official's Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Qualifying Information**

For the Vocational/Technical category, fill in the following:

Vocational program you will be pursuing

Why this career?

Summarize your participation in the San Diego County Fair or other events at the Del Mar Fairgrounds

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**Personal Information**

Describe your work and or volunteer experience in the past four years.

Employer & Job Description	Date from	Date to	Hours/Week	Hourly Wage
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____ hrs_/week	\$ _____/hour
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____ hrs_/week	\$ _____/hour
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____ hrs_/week	\$ _____/hour
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____ hrs_/week	\$ _____/hour
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____ hrs_/week	\$ _____/hour
_____	_____	_____ to _____	_____ hrs_/week	\$ _____/hour

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past four years (e.g. student government, music, sports, etc.). List all volunteer community activities in which you have participated during the past four years. List all other awards received in the past four years. (Attach additional page(s) if necessary).

Activity	Number of Years Participated	Honors and Special Awards
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
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_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____

**Family Information**

**Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings**

Name

Age

_____	_____
_____	_____
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**Financial Information**

How do you anticipate financing your vocational/technical education? Please explain in detail.

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**Essay**

Write a brief essay, no more than two pages, on the following:

How did you overcome your biggest personal challenge to date, and what was your motivation for participating in the San Diego County Fair?



## Letters of Recommendation

**To the Applicant:**

Please submit **two** letters of recommendation on character, ability and competency.

**Recommender Information**

**Recommender #1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the recommender? \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender #2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the recommender? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give this page to your recommender.**

**To the Recommender:**

The Del Mar Fairgrounds has established the Don Diego Scholarship Foundation to provide annual scholarships to outstanding students in several categories, including a vocational/technical scholarship for students who have participated in a Del Mar Fairgrounds/San Diego County Fair activity. Each recipient will have demonstrated innovation, organization and leadership abilities.

In your letter of recommendation, please include information on the student's character, ability and competence. Attach recommendations to this page. **Postmark on or before March 20, 2017.**

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for the Vocational/Technical Don Diego Scholarship

Letters of recommendation may be sent with application or **mailed or emailed to:**  
**Don Diego Scholarship Foundation**  
**Del Mar Fairgrounds**  
**2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.**  
**Del Mar, CA 92014**

**cmannen@sdfair.com**



In submitting this application for the 2017 Don Diego Scholarship, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_