

## 2018 Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship

Application deadline: March 19, 2018, Midnight

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

Four scholarships are offered in each of four categories: Zable Foundation 4-H, FFA, Employee, and Exhibitor/Participant. Seventeen Junior Livestock Auction (JLA) Scholarships are offered to students who qualify for the 4-H or FFA Scholarship and who wish to apply also for a JLA Scholarship. Two Vocational Education Scholarships are offered to support students pursuing an AA/AS degree or certificate at a community college or accredited trade school. The Spanjian Family Scholarship is bestowed upon the most outstanding of all 2018 recipients. Recipients of a 2018 scholarship may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years as long as they are still enrolled full-time at a college or university.

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### This application is for the Exhibitor/Participant scholarship.

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**The Exhibitor/Participant category** requires that applicants have participated (prior to the applying year) in a competitive exhibit department (for example: Student Showcase, Student Landscape, Creative Youth, Equestrian events), or participated through the Special Events Department (for example, performing on a stage) at the **San Diego County Fair, the Del Mar National Horse Show or other equestrian events at the Del Mar Fairgrounds or Horsepark**. Four scholarships will be awarded in this category: a \$5,000 scholarship, a \$2,500 scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship.

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

- **Student** must be a San Diego area resident graduating from high school no later than July 31, 2018.
- **Student** must submit a certified copy of his or her high school transcript with application.
- **Scholarship** must be used toward recipient's education at a four-year institution, or a two-year college where a vocational major or course work is completed in anticipation of transferring to a four-year college or university. Upon receiving student's verification of enrollment, a check for the scholarship amount will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of the designated college.
- **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. The semi-finalists will be interviewed by a committee of Don Diego Board Members, who will select the scholarship recipients.

## **Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Evaluation Guidelines for Applicants**

Criteria and points below are provided as a tool to help Screening Committees and Directors 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 Recommendations	5 Points
Financial Need	15 Points
Bonus	<u>5 Points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

# The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Scholarship

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

## Applying for the Exhibitor/Participant 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 Major Study \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

For the **Exhibitor/Participant** category, fill in the following:

Name of **Exhibit Department(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) exhibited \_\_\_\_\_

Project(s) exhibited \_\_\_\_\_

Was your exhibit a supervised school project? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Supervisor/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If not a supervised school project, please explain

Honors and/or Awards

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Name and Date(s) of **Horse Show/Equestrian Event(s)**

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Honors & Awards

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Attach a one-paragraph summary of your Exhibitor/Participant experience at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

**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	_____
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_____	_____ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Siblings</b>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Financial Information**

How do you anticipate financing your college education? Please explain in detail.

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# 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 of \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 to outstanding college-bound students in several categories, including one for students who have participated in a Del Mar Fairgrounds/San Diego County Fair activity. The top recipient also receives a \$5,000 Spanjian Family Scholarship. 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 19, 2018.**

**Applicant Information**

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

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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 2018 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 \_\_\_\_\_