

2018 Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Vocational Education Scholarship

Application deadline: March 19, 2018, Midnight

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.

This application is for the Vocational Educational scholarship.

The **Vocational Education** category requires that the student must have participated (prior to the applying year) in an event at the Del Mar Fairgrounds or Horsepark, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club or as an employee of the Fairgrounds, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club or contractor at the Fairgrounds.

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 at 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 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>
Total	100 Points

The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Scholarship

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

Applying for the Vocational Education 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 Education 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

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	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ 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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Financial Information

How do you anticipate financing your Vocational Education? Please explain in detail.

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 education 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 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

Print Name _____

Date _____