2017 Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship

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

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.

This application is for the Exhibitor/Participant scholarship.

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 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 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 Foundation
Evaluation Guidelines for Applicants
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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	5 Points
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 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 & Awards

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

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Equestrian Honors & Awards

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Write a one-paragraph summary of your <u>Exhibitor/Participant</u> 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	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____
_____	_____ yrs	_____

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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

Financial Information

How do you anticipate financing your college 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 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 most outstanding of all the scholarship recipients will receive the Spanjian Family Scholarship, for an additional $5,000. 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 _____

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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

2017 Don Diego Scholarship Application

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_____