MISSION

❖ The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation promotes education in a fair and fiscally sound manner by providing scholarships to deserving San Diego area graduating high school seniors and graduates who are associated with activities at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, including the San Diego County Fair. The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation also provides grants for agricultural education.

ABOUT

❖ The Foundation has awarded $1,040,000 to 257 students as well as agriculture education grants.
❖ The Foundation was established in 1986 as a lasting tribute to Tom Hernandez, who played the role of the Fair’s legendary welcoming host from 1947 until his death in 1984.
❖ 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization; EIN 33-0859020.

SCHOLARSHIPS

❖ The Foundation annually offers more than $65,000 in college scholarships to outstanding students in the San Diego area.
❖ Scholarships are offered in six categories: Zable Foundation 4-H, FFA, Employee, Exhibitor/Participant, Junior Livestock Auction, and Vocational Education.
❖ A $5,000 Spanjian Family Scholarship is awarded to the most exceptional recipient.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

❖ The Foundation welcomes donations of any amount at any time as well as support for programs listed below.
❖ An exclusive Dinner and Concert Gala is held on an evening during the San Diego County Fair.
❖ A $99 Amigo Club membership offers a $500 retail value of year-round Fairgrounds fun.
❖ A Legacy Brick program enables people to commemorate a special occasion or person by customizing a brick permanently enshrined at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.
❖ A Plant*Grow*Eat Bus Transportation program enables elementary students from Title 1 schools to learn about agriculture and nutrition at the San Diego County Fair in a fun, hands-on way.
❖ An Endowed Matching Scholarship invites individuals, families and organizations to create a named scholarship by investing a minimum $10,000 that will be matched one-to-one by the Foundation to guarantee an annual scholarship that will endure in perpetuity.

LEADERSHIP

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