

# 2010 Don Diego Scholarship Application

The Don Diego Fund 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 \$5,000 scholarship is for a member of 4-H; one \$5,000 scholarship is for a member of FFA; one \$5,000 scholarship is for an Employee; one \$5,000 scholarship is for an Exhibitor in events at the Del Mar Fairgrounds or Horsepark. Since the first scholarship awards in 1986, \$513,000 has been distributed.

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.

## Applicants are eligible for only one scholarship category:

**The 4-H scholarship** requires that the student be a member in good standing of 4-H **and** student must have participated (but not necessarily during applying year) in a competitive exhibit department [for example: Junior Livestock, Student Showcase, Student Landscape, Kids' Best, etc.] at the **San Diego County Fair**.

**The FFA scholarship** requires that the student be a member in good standing of FFA **and** student must have participated (but not necessarily during the applying year) in a competitive exhibit department [for example: Junior Livestock, Student Showcase, Student Landscape, Kids' Best, etc.] at the **San Diego County Fair**.

**The Employee scholarship** requires that qualifying applicants show verification of employment (prior to the applying year) by the **Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Premier Food Services** or a commercial/carnival contractor.

**The Exhibitor scholarship** requires that applicants have participated (prior to the applying year) in a competitive exhibit department [for example: Student Showcase, Student Landscape, Kids' Best, Equestrian events, etc.] at the **San Diego County Fair, the Del Mar National Horse Show or other equestrian events** at the **Del Mar Fairgrounds and/or Horsepark**.

## 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 June, 2010.
- **Student** must submit a certified copy of their 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 is to be pursued. 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 five years. If the full amount of the scholarship is not used in that time, the recipient must apply for an extension, or the scholarship will be returned to the Don Diego Fund.

**Applications** will be screened by the appropriate 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, and/or Del Mar Fairgrounds staff members. Semi-finalists will be selected from each category (4-H applicants, FFA applicants, Employee and Exhibitor applicants). The winners will be selected by members of the Board of Directors for The Don Diego Fund. Scholarships will not be awarded on financial need alone. Scholarship winners will be required to provide a recent photo.

If you have any further questions regarding The Don Diego Fund or the scholarships offered, please call Jane Spivey at (858) 755-1161, ext. 2401 or email [jspivey@sdfair.com](mailto:jspivey@sdfair.com).

**Mail applications to:**  
**Don Diego Scholarship**  
**Del Mar Fairgrounds - Attention: Jane Spivey**  
**2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard**  
**Del Mar, CA 92014-2216**

**Application, including transcript and letters of reference, must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2010.**

# The Don Diego Fund Scholarship

Please print or type in ink. Attach additional pages, if needed.

## Applicant Information

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Anticipated date of graduation for post-secondary school \_\_\_\_\_

## Transcript Information

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

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

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

Official's Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Qualifying Information

If you are applying for the **4-H Scholarship**, fill in the following:

Name of 4-H Group \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Local Leader: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Major 4-H Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Major 4-H Events \_\_\_\_\_

Honors & Awards Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your 4-H Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your participation in the San Diego County Fair \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying for the **FFA Scholarship**, fill in the following:

Name of FFA Group \_\_\_\_\_ Years in FFA \_\_\_\_\_

Local Leader: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Major FFA Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Major FFA Events \_\_\_\_\_

Honors & Awards Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your FFA Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your participation in the San Diego County Fair \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifying Information**

If you are applying for the **Exhibitor or Employee** Scholarship (**choose one**), fill in the information under the appropriate heading:

**Exhibitor Applicant:**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

If not a supervised school project, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Honors and/or Awards earned \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Honors and/or awards earned \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a one-page essay** summarizing your **Exhibitor** experience at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

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**Employee Applicant:**

Name of **Employer(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) employed \_\_\_\_\_

Job title(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities of the job(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attach a one-page essay** summarizing your **Employee** experience at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

## Personal Information

**Describe your work experience in the past four years.**

Employer & Job Description	Date from	Date to	Hours/ Week	Hourly Wage

**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	Special Awards, Honors

## Family Information

**Father** Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother** 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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# Letter of Recommendation

## To the Applicant:

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Please fill out the information directly below, give this form to your recommender for completion and mail with your application.

## Applicant Information

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## To the Recommender:

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Recommender Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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

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