



THE DON DIEGO FUND
A Scholarship Program of the San Diego County Fair and Del Mar Fairgrounds

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NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR FOUR \$5,000 2012 DON DIEGO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Del Mar, CA ... Thanks to Don Diego Fund scholarships and their own drive toward academic excellence, several Carlsbad and Encinitas young adults are pursuing their college and career dreams. The class of 2009 included Carlsbad High School's Arianne Lasche and Sunset High's Caylee Ann Falvo of Encinitas as well as Mark Brashear Simpson of Valley Center. Carlsbad residents Kevin Brice (San Dieguito Academy) and Julianna Collins (Carlsbad Seaside Academy) earned 2010 scholarships. Throughout the years, many North County students have earned these coveted and competitive scholarships.

In 2012, four \$5,000 Don Diego Fund scholarships are available to outstanding, college-bound, graduating high school seniors throughout San Diego County who have participated in the San Diego County Fair and/or other activities associated with the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Eligibility requirements and application forms are at <http://www.dondiegofund.org/files/pdf/2012-Don-Diego-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

Applications can be completed online (preferable) or in print. Completed applications must be received by April 2, 2012. For questions, contact Executive Director Chana Mannen at cmannen@sdfair.com or 858-792-4210.

In 2012, The Don Diego Fund will award one \$5,000 scholarship in each of the following categories: 1) 4-H member; 2) Future Farmers of America (FFA) member; 3) employee at the Fair, Racetrack or Fairgrounds; and 4) exhibitor at the Fair.

Mannen reports, "Past North County recipients are now excelling at colleges and at careers in numerous fields across the nation, including here in San Diego. 2003 recipient Alysha Stehly and her husband Chris own Vesper Vineyards in their hometown of Valley Center. 2005 recipient Ashley Colburn of Fallbrook is a TV producer and host as well as a Don Diego Board member and ambassador for the Fund. 2011 North County Torrey Pines High student Prithvi Undavalli is using his Don Diego scholarship to matriculate at MIT, with a goal of developing cutting-edge technological projects to aid people in third-world countries."

Mannen says, “The Fund seeks donors who wish to make an investment in the future of our students and our community by establishing a scholarship or contributing at whatever level is comfortable to them.

The Don Diego Fund is a nonprofit scholarship program of the San Diego County Fair. It was formed in 1986 as a lasting tribute to Tom Hernandez, who, in the role of Don Diego, served as the legendary goodwill ambassador of the Fair from 1947 until his death in 1984. To date, the Fund has awarded \$556,000 in scholarships and grants, helping 130 students pursue higher education. #30

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