

Don Diego Scholarship Foundation Fact Sheet



MISSION

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

ABOUT

- ❖ The Foundation was established in 1986 as a lasting tribute to Tom Hernandez, who starred in the role of the Fair's legendary welcoming host from 1947 until his death in 1984.
- ❖ Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded \$1,604,344 in college scholarships to 456 students and in agriculture education grants.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ The Foundation annually awards approximately \$90,000 in college scholarships to outstanding students in San Diego County.
- ❖ Scholarships of \$1,000 and more are offered in six categories: 4-H, FFA, Employee, Exhibitor/Participant, Junior Livestock Auction, and Vocational Education.
- ❖ Thanks to generous donors, scholarship opportunities abound. Individuals, families, and organizations may create a bespoke scholarship, such as: 1) a one-time scholarship (minimum \$1,000 investment); 2) an endowed annual scholarship (minimum \$10,000 investment); or 3) a \$5,000/year, four-year scholarship (\$20,000 investment).

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to sponsored scholarships, the Foundation welcomes general donations of any amount 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 Legacy Brick program invites 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 from the ground up at the Fairgrounds.

LEADERSHIP

- ❖ **Executive Committee:** Kirby Morrison, Chair; Glenn Drown, Vice Chair; Jim Edwards, Treasurer; Chana Mannen, Secretary
- ❖ **Board Members:** Mark Arabo, Lisa Barkett, Alyson Connolly, Sandra DiCicco, Jim Dredge, Susan Farrior, Joe Harper, John Hoeflich, George Karetas, Sam Nejabat, Donna O'Leary, Russ Penniman, D Prestininzi, Frederick Schenk, Alysha Stehly
- ❖ **Chairs Emeritus:** Paul Ecke III, Roxana Foxx, Jon Liss, Stephen Shewmaker
- ❖ **Executive Director:** Ashley Colburn McCaughan

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