



BIA CARES

2023 COLLEGE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BIA Cares of San Diego County is offering scholarships to a Full-time student enrolled in a two, or four+ year college/university who seeks to pursue a career related to the residential and commercial building/development industry.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships are open to full time college students who graduated from a high school in San Diego County or college students living and attending college here in San Diego. In addition, you must be a California resident. The Scholarship Committee is seeking students who can demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the building industry. Many majors play an integral role in the building industry, such as advertising, business, finance, construction management, architecture, engineering, carpentry, city planning, real estate, and interior design, to name a few.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact **Jen Moran** at the Building Industry Association (858) 514-7005 or email jen@biasandiego.org. Questions will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must complete the application, transcripts, essay and additional question information and return it to the BIA Cares Scholarship Committee at the Building Industry Association, 9201 Spectrum Center Boulevard, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92123, by **January 5th, 2024**. Please submit a copy of your transcripts (official or unofficial acceptable) together with the application.

Applications are also available online at www.biacares.org.

The Building Industry of San Diego believes in giving back to the community it serves. In 1990, BIA established BIA Cares a 501(c)3, charitable organization to help build a better future for those in need. BIA Cares has donated more than \$2.3 million to charitable projects and programs in San Diego County. At BIA Cares, we are committed to fostering the growth and development of those who aspire to make a positive impact on our world through the Building Industry.

9201 Spectrum Center Blvd., #110, San Diego, CA 92123



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Building Industry Association of San Diego
2023-24 BIA CARES COLLEGE Scholarship Application

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete application online or print application in ink and mail
2. Attached Transcripts and essay
3. Deadline for submission **January 5th, 2024**
4. Send to:

No Late Applications Will Be Considered.

Jessica Nishiura, Chairman
BIA Cares Scholarship Committee
C/O The Building Industry Association 9201
Spectrum Center Boulevard
Suite 110
San Diego, CA 92123

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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, M.I.): _____

High School: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ email address: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School Graduated From and Year: _____

Current College/University: _____

Previous College Attended: _____ Date of Attendance: _____

Courses that have been completed in your field: _____

Current Major/Field of Interest: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Total # of units completed: _____

Anticipated date of graduation: _____

ESSAY:

The future of your community:

Recently, a spotlight has been focused on the housing crisis in San Diego County. The issues are complex and will take creativity driven by innovative thinking. The Building Industry Association of San Diego's BIA CARES is looking to bring "fresh – new thinking" into the conversation. It is in this spirit of collaboration that we ask you to join the conversation and address the thoughts below in your essay:

Contributing to the current housing crisis is a lack of dialogue that encompasses an how to better incorporate the needs of the community with thoughtful changes. The big question is how do we work together to achieve positive development.

The challenges include rethinking the planning/building/financing process that impacts the development industry (both new and redevelopment, commercial and residential) in San Diego. Balancing affordability, lifestyle preservation, environmental stability, transportation, health and safety and community culture with current housing/building needs and requirements.

How can you contribute to finding solutions to these challenges? What would you do?

Choose 2- 3 of the items below to address in your essay:

- The growing inability to afford a home in San Diego County
- Landlords rights vs. Renter's rights – what is fair?
- Increased numbers in the Un-housed
- Balancing the need for housing and individual communities' culture

Items to consider addressing:

Recognizing the issue is deeper than just building more homes and takes into consideration the growth/sustainability of the San Diego Economy.

- How do we engage more San Diegan's into the conversation in a fair and equitable manner that promotes solutions?
- How would you use your current interests (architecture, building, marketing, finance, design, etc.) to create positive solutions/communication?
- What would a community action plan look like that addresses building a better San Diego?
- What city(ies), local or nationwide, would you choose as a model for new thinking in San Diego building? Why?

What type of housing do you want to see California provide to meet your preferred lifestyle requirements after you graduate college and in the future?



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ADDITION REQUESTED INFORMATION:

- State the field of study and occupation you are most interested in pursuing and explain how this study area occupation relates to the building industry.
- Describe your community and school activities.
- Describe your degree of involvement and/or experience to date that relates to the building industry, if any.
- Describe any scholarship funds and/or academic awards you have received.
- Describe any financial needs you want to be considered.