



## **BIA CARES 2023 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**BIA Cares of San Diego County is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors who seek to pursue a career related to the residential and commercial building/development industry.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Scholarships are open to all graduating high school students in San Diego County. 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**

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the building industry. Scholarships are also awarded based on other qualifications, including academics, personal achievement, and financial need.

### **QUESTIONS**

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

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must complete the application 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](http://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**



**BIA Cares**  
 Building Industry Association of San Diego  
**2023-24 BIA CARES Scholarship Application Form**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Complete application online or print application in ink and mail
2. Complete and attach 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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 ACCESSED ON LINE  
 AT:  
[www.biacaes.org](http://www.biacaes.org)**

**APPLICANT'S INFORMATION**

Name (Last, First, M.I.): \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Career Interest Area: \_\_\_\_\_

List up to three colleges, community colleges, or trade schools to which you have applied:

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What colleges have you been accepted to? \_\_\_\_\_

What other scholarships have you applied for? \_\_\_\_\_

What other scholarships have you received? \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Household Income Range:

\$ 0 - 69,999

\$ 70,000 - 99,999

\$ 100,000 - 149,999

\$ 150,000+

Number of brothers and sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURES**

Cumulative GPA (as of first semester of senior year): \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

We verify that the information on this application is correct to the best of our knowledge.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS AND ESSAY

A. List technical and/or honors classes taken:

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B. List school clubs or organizations and any offices held:

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C. List school/community athletics and any awards/letters/leadership experiences:

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D. List school or community honors and/or awards:

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E. List work experience (paid and volunteer):

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F. Briefly describe hobbies and personal interests that would help others know you better:

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G. Please tell us about a character trait and/or a personal accomplishment you are proud of.

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H. **INTERVIEW:** If chosen for an interview, please come prepared to discuss how your career goals are aligned with the building industry. **Please feel free to bring along a portfolio of your work, a favorite item OR any other “visual” that might help us know you better.**

## I. **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?**