



BIA CARES

2024 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 **December 2nd, 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.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete application online or print application in ink and mail
2. Attached Transcripts and essay
3. Deadline for submission **December 2nd, 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

APPLICATION
MAY ALSO BE ACCESSED
ON LINE AT: www.biacaress.org

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:

San Diego, California, is a rapidly growing urban region facing significant pressures in the building industry. The region contends with strict environmental regulations to preserve coastal ecosystems, a persistent housing affordability crisis, limited water resources, and heightened risks from seismic activity. Developers must also navigate complex state and local building codes, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), while meeting sustainability goals and responding to community demands.

In the context of San Diego's building industry, analyze the following specific challenges:

1. **Environmental Regulations:** How do coastal preservation laws and CEQA impact project timelines and costs in San Diego? Provide examples of how developers have adapted to these constraints.
2. **Housing Affordability Crisis:** San Diego has one of the least affordable housing markets in the country. Discuss how zoning laws, permitting delays, and land-use restrictions contribute to this issue. What innovative housing models or policy changes could help alleviate the crisis?
3. **Water Scarcity:** Given California's ongoing droughts, what measures are developers in San Diego taking to ensure water-efficient buildings? How are water-saving technologies and infrastructure being integrated into urban development projects?
4. **Seismic Activity:** San Diego is located near several fault lines. How do seismic safety regulations affect building design and construction costs? Analyze how modern engineering practices address earthquake resilience in the region.



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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.