



## **BIA CARES 2024 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 **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Please submit a copy of your transcripts (official or unofficial acceptable) together with the application.

**Applications are also available online** at [www.biasandiego.org](http://www.biasandiego.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 December 9th, 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.biasandiego.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:
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:
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:**

San Diego is a fast-growing city, but building new homes is becoming more difficult due to rising costs, environmental concerns, and a lack of affordable housing. Developers must find ways to build houses that are safe, affordable, and environmentally friendly, while also meeting strict rules and regulations.

**In an essay, discuss the following challenges facing the residential building industry in San Diego:**

1. **Housing Affordability:** Why is it so difficult to build affordable homes in San Diego? What are some of the reasons that housing costs are rising, and how can builders help solve this problem?
2. **Environmental Protection:** San Diego has important natural areas that need to be protected, such as beaches and wildlife habitats. How do environmental laws impact where and how homes are built? What are some ways builders can protect the environment while still building new homes?
3. **Water and Energy Use:** California often has droughts, and energy use is a growing concern. How can homes be designed to use less water and energy? What are some solutions that could help make homes more sustainable?

Use examples or your own ideas to explain how these challenges might be addressed. How do you think the building industry can balance the need for more housing with protecting the environment and ensuring homes are affordable?