



# Build San Diego Foundation 2026 Scholarship Application

For students enrolled in **San Diego Miramar College or Palomar College Diesel Technology Associates Degree Program**

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use only)

The **Build San Diego Foundation** offers scholarships to students pursuing careers in the trades, construction management, engineering, and other specialized fields. By supporting local programs in San Diego County, the foundation helps cultivate the next generation of professionals in the construction industry.

**This application is ONLY for the following scholarships:**

Build San Diego Foundation is offering **four \$1,500 Scholarships** to qualified **San Diego Miramar College & Palomar College students** enrolled in the Diesel Technology Associates Degree Programs.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicant must be enrolled in Diesel Tech Associates Degree program
- Must have completed high school, or be in their senior year of high school
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or legal U.S. resident.
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units
- Must have at least two college semesters remaining until graduation as of fall 2026 semester.

**How to Apply**

Completed applications must be submitted to the following address **no later than March 31, 2026:**

- Outside of office C3-103 in the diesel chassis building. Place in the clear bin near the door.

**OR:**

- Email signed and scanned copy to [ideleon@builtsandiego.com](mailto:ideleon@builtsandiego.com) subject: "Build San Diego Foundation Diesel Tech scholarship application"

**How Applications Are Judged**

Selections will be based on the overall worthiness of the applicant. The Scholarship Selection Committee will consider scholastic standing, community service, extracurricular activities, career goals, and all information submitted with the application. Finalists will be invited to participate in a mandatory personal interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee the week of **April 13 – 17, 2026**. Applicants selected to attend the interview will be advised of the time and location. **Selected applicants must appear in person** on the day of the interview. *(Applicants must bear all costs associated with attending the personal interview.)*

**Award Notification**

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award by **May 2026**. To receive the funds, the student must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units in the Miramar College or Palomar College Diesel Technology Associates Degree Program for the fall semester in the year in which the scholarship is awarded. Proof of enrollment must be provided to the Build San Diego Foundation office before the scholarship will be paid. The student **must plan to attend the awards ceremony** to accept the scholarship on **September 3, 2026**, at the San Diego Yacht Club.

If you have questions regarding the application and review process, please contact Ilka T. De León, MBA at [ideleon@builtsandiego.com](mailto:ideleon@builtsandiego.com) or call 858-558-7444 ext. 235.

**The applicant must sign and complete this form.** All questions must be answered. If a question does not apply, write "none" in the space provided.

Applicant's Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Last Attended \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen and that all information given on this application and other documents is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I may be asked by a Build San Diego Foundation staff member to provide proof. I realize that any false statement or failure to give proof when asked may be the cause for the denial of my scholarship application. I authorize the Build San Diego Foundation to release academic information to scholarship donor(s). The Build San Diego Foundation may use the information I have provided for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION**

**High School/College**

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ OPTIONAL: ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently enrolled in college, when do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach an unofficial copy of the most recent transcript.**

**Additional Information**

On a separate sheet of paper:

1. List any special awards or honors you have attained
2. Describe any community service you have performed.
3. Describe the organizations you belong to and extracurricular activities in which you are involved.
4. Explain what course of study you have followed throughout high school/college/trade school (e.g., college prep, business, industrial, etc.?)
5. Describe any construction experience you have had, or your association with the construction industry.

**Statement of Interest**

Your statement of interest should be no longer than two pages, typed and double-spaced using 12-point type and one-inch margins. Please address the following four questions in sequential order, typing each question as it appears below. Type your response directly under each question.

1. What is your career goal and why have you chosen this path?
2. Name an individual or describe an event that influenced you to select your career. Please explain why this person or event is significant.
3. If you could have dinner with one person, living or deceased, who would you select and why?
4. Why do you believe you would be a deserving candidate to receive the scholarship for which you are applying?