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PRESS RELEASE

Wheelhouse Credit Union Invites San Diego County High School Seniors To Apply for 2026 College Scholarships

***** Five Badge of Honor Scholarships Available for Children of First Responders *****

***** Five Sustainability Scholarships Support Student Environmental Leaders *****

San Diego, CA – February 3, 2026 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) is now accepting applications for its 2026 college scholarship programs, encouraging San Diego County high school seniors to apply as they pursue higher education. Open to local students, the programs will award a total of \$10,000 in scholarships this year.

- The ***Wheelhouse Badge of Honor Scholarships***, now in their sixth year, recognize and support families of first responders who serve in the San Diego community. Five \$1,000 scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors with a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who is actively serving in law enforcement, fire protection, healthcare or emergency medical services within San Diego County.
- The ***Wheelhouse Sustainability Scholarships*** support college-bound students who demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship and community impact. Reflecting the Credit Union's long-standing sustainability mission, five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who are leading or participating in eco-friendly initiatives that made a difference locally.

"At Wheelhouse Credit Union, our mission is to positively impact the lives of our Members, community and planet," said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. "These scholarships reflect our commitment to education, public service, and sustainability, as well as our deep roots in San Diego. We're proud to invest in local students who are giving back to their communities and preparing to shape the future."

Students can find more information and submit applications online at WheelhouseCU.com/scholarships. Credit union membership is not required, and applications will be accepted through April 30, 2026. Both programs recognize students who demonstrate leadership, a commitment to public service and a desire to make an impact on their communities, and who would benefit from scholarship support as they pursue their education.

Established in 2005, Wheelhouse's annual College Scholarship Program supports San Diego County students in areas aligned with the Credit Union's mission, including environmental sustainability and support for first responders. Since its inception, the program has awarded \$137,000 in scholarships to local students.

Founded in 1934, Wheelhouse is the second oldest credit union in San Diego. A central aspect of its community commitment is supporting San Diego's move to 100% clean energy by 2035. The Credit Union's award-winning Solar and Energy Efficiency Loans have made Wheelhouse the #1 solar loan provider in San Diego.

About Wheelhouse Credit Union

Wheelhouse Credit Union (formerly San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union) is a federally insured, state chartered credit union founded in 1934 serving more than 32,000 community members in the greater San Diego area. Wheelhouse is "San Diego Made and Proud," providing a full suite of consumer banking services and a comprehensive set of Energy-Efficient and Solar Loan products for the conscientious San Diegan. The Credit Union is committed to helping its Members succeed while supporting initiatives that help San Diego thrive. Please visit [wheelhousecu.com](https://www.wheelhousecu.com) for more information, or follow the Credit Union on Instagram®, Facebook® and X®.