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PRESS RELEASE

Wheelhouse Credit Union Offering Two College Scholarship Programs For San Diego County High School Seniors

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

**** Five Sustainability Scholarships Support Students Passionate about the Environment ****

San Diego, CA – February 13, 2024 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) is encouraging San Diego college-bound high school seniors to apply for its 2024 scholarship programs. Open to any local students, these programs will provide \$10,000 in scholarships.

- Now in its fifth year honoring families of first responders, **Wheelhouse Badge of Honor Scholarships** are available to graduating high school seniors with a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who is an active member of law enforcement, fire protection service, healthcare or EMT in San Diego County. Five \$1,000 *Badge of Honor Scholarships* will be awarded in 2024.
- **Wheelhouse Sustainability Scholarships** are offered to San Diego college-bound students who have a vision and desire to support the environment. Reflecting the credit union’s sustainability mission, five \$1,000 *Sustainability Scholarships* will be awarded to local students making a difference in their communities through eco-friendly initiatives.

“As a credit union dedicated to our community, we are passionate about the health and well-being of our beautiful city while delivering on our pledge to support San Diego’s commitment to 100% clean energy,” said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. “Our College Scholarship Program recognizes the contributions of our first responder families to our community as well as supports high school leaders who share our passion for environmental sustainability. We encourage local students to apply for our scholarship so we can help support and continue their great work.”

Interested students can find more information and apply online at WheelhouseCU.com/scholarships. Credit union membership is not required, and applications will be accepted through April 30, 2024. Both programs are designed to recognize and reward exceptional students who demonstrate leadership, a commitment to public service, and a desire to make an impact on their communities.

The Credit Union’s annual College Scholarship Program was created in 2005 to support high school seniors in San Diego County who are leaders in two areas of focus for the credit union: environmental sustainability and supporting first responders. The credit union has awarded \$116,000 in scholarships since the creation of the program.

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 for more information, or follow the Credit Union on Instagram®, Facebook® and Twitter®.

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