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PRESS RELEASE

Wheelhouse Credit Union Offering Sustainability Scholarships For San Diego County High School Seniors

San Diego, CA – January 29, 2020 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) invites college-bound high school seniors in San Diego County who are passionate about environmental practices to apply for its 2020 Sustainability College Scholarship Program. This year, the Credit Union will recognize and award a \$1,000 scholarship to five graduating high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, public service, and a desire to make a sustainable difference in their schools and communities.

"We are passionate about helping our Members and our beautiful city thrive while delivering on our pledge to support San Diego's commitment to 100% clean energy," said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. "We established the Sustainability College Scholarship Program to recognize conscientious high school leaders who share our passion to positively impact our community through eco-friendly initiatives, helping sustain our environment and resources for generations to come. We encourage local trail blazers to apply for our scholarship so we can help support and continue their great work."

San Diego County high school seniors who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and plan to attend an accredited college are eligible to participate. Award criteria include academic achievement, school/community involvement, letters of recommendation, and an essay about environmental initiatives and how the student has incorporated sustainable practices into their life.

Interested students can find more information and apply online at <u>WheelhouseCU.com/scholarships</u>. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2020; recipients will be announced by June 1, 2020.

The Credit Union's annual College Scholarship Program was created in 2005 to support high school seniors in San Diego County, awarding five college scholarships of \$1,000 each. Since the creation of the program, Wheelhouse has awarded \$73,000 in scholarships.

Founded in 1934, Wheelhouse is one of the oldest credit unions 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 21,000 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 <u>wheelhousecu.com</u> for more information, or follow the Credit Union on Instagram[®], Facebook[®] and Twitter[®].

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