



Contact: Jill Faucher
Phone: (619) 318-0318
Email: jfaucher@wheelhousecu.com

PRESS RELEASE

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

**** *Badge of Honor Scholarships Available for Children of First Responders* ****
**** *Sustainability Scholarships Support Students Passionate about the Environment* ****

San Diego, CA – March 4, 2021 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) has launched two 2021 scholarship programs for college-bound high school seniors in San Diego County. Combined, these programs will provide \$10,000 in scholarships to local students.

- To honor families of first responders, ***Wheelhouse Badge of Honor Scholarships*** are available to 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 2021.
- ***Wheelhouse Sustainability Scholarships*** are available to college-bound students who have a vision and desire to support the environment through eco-friendly initiatives. Five \$1,000 *Sustainability Scholarships* will be awarded to local students passionate about environmental practices.

“We are committed to helping Members and our beautiful city thrive. To honor that promise, we’re excited to offer scholarship programs that support students in two areas critical to the health of our communities,” said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. “Our *Badge of Honor Scholarships* recognize the heroic work of our first responders, which has never been more important, and the sacrifices they and their families make to protect all of us. Our *Sustainability Scholarships* support conscientious high school leaders who share our passion to positively impact our communities through environmental initiatives. We encourage local students to apply for these scholarships so we can help support this important step in their future.

Interested students can find more information and apply online at WheelhouseCU.com/scholarships. Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2021; recipients will be announced by June 1, 2021.

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. San Diego County high school seniors who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and plan to attend an accredited college full time beginning fall 2021 are eligible to participate. *Badge of Honor* scholarship applicants also must have a parent, grandparent or legal guardian as an active first responder. Award criteria include academic achievement, school/community involvement, letters of recommendation, and an essay.

The Credit Union's annual College Scholarship Program was created in 2005 to support high school seniors in San Diego County. Wheelhouse has since expanded the program to support students committed to sustainability and family members of first responders. The credit union has awarded \$83,000 in scholarships since the creation of the program.

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

#