



San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Scholarship Program

Introduction

The San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society (SDCSS), is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote knowledge, study, and interest in cactus and succulent plants through educational programs, public exhibits, a public garden, and sharing of this common interest. Through this scholarship, we hope to support and encourage outstanding students who are pursuing a higher education in horticulture and whose goals are aligned with that of the SDCSS.

Overview

Our Scholarship Program is for senior high or college/university students enrolled in a local (San Diego County) institution in a horticultural program and who have shown an interest or appreciation for succulent plants.

Current Scholarships

- The 2018 SDCSS Scholarship \$500

Applicants are asked to submit one single application. All applications received will be judged by the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Board of Directors. One applicant will be chosen per grant, per application period. Only applicants who have not previously been awarded a SDCSS scholarship may apply.

Requirements

Applicants must complete the attached *San Diego Cactus & Society Scholarship Application* in addition to providing the following (see application for details):

- Three references, two of which should be academically related. The third may be a professional or personal reference by someone unrelated to you.
- A copy of your most recent grade report showing current semester GPA and cumulative GPA
- A one-page essay telling us about yourself. Please include answers to the five questions listed on the application.

Submission Deadline

Completed applications must be submitted by email to: membership@sdcss.net, no later than February 1, 2018.

Awards

The SDCSS Board of Directors will meet on or around March 14, 2018, to discuss all applicant qualifications and decide to whom the scholarship(s) will be awarded. Applicants will be notified by email shortly after the board makes its decision. Winners will be honored at a SDCSS General Meeting in April or May, 2018. Awards will be made payable to the college/university named on the application for tuition, fees, textbooks, or other educational expenses. Recipients will also receive a one-year SDCSS membership, valued at \$15.

February 1, 2018:	Application due to the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society
March 14, 2018:	Winning applicant selected
March 15, 2018:	Winning applicant notified
April/May:	Award presentation at SDCSS General Meeting
Late July:	Scholarship funds disbursed to College Financial Aid offices