

## CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

### Instructions

Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (Rincon) offers an annual \$1,000 scholarship for students who attend school or reside in the Rincon service area.

In addition to the local scholarships, winners compete with finalists from other San Diego County special districts for the California Special Districts Association's (CSDA) regional \$1,000 scholarships. Winners are chosen based on the quality of essays prepared by the applicants, as well as academic and service qualifications. Applicants must submit the following documents by February 24, 2006:

1. Completed application form.
2. High school transcript and college registration information.
3. School/community involvement – one letter of recommendation from a high school faculty member *and* one letter of character reference from a personal or professional associate.
4. A typewritten personal statement (two pages or less, Times Roman 14 point type with 1 inch margins and one and one-half line spacing). Suggested topics include reasons for applying for the scholarship or seeking higher education, the student's education/career goals, or personal background and interests.
5. A typewritten statement about the purpose of Special Districts (two pages or less, Times Roman 14 point type with 1 inch margins and one and one-half line spacing). The statement will be judged on originality and demonstrated understanding of the subject matter. Applicants are encouraged to research the topic through one or more of the following methods: library/internet research, attendance at a special district agency board meeting, and/or oral interviews with a special district employee or official.

Please mail or deliver completed application to Julia Escamilla, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, 1920 North Iris Lane, Escondido, CA 92026 NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m., February 24, 2006. **If mailed, applications must be postmarked no later than March 11, 2006.**

Finalists will be considered, and regional winners selected, by a committee formed by the San Diego Chapter of the CSDA. \$1,000 scholarship winners selected by the committee will be honored at a CSDA dinner meeting the evening of May 18, 2006.