

The San Diego Chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), in cooperation with the Water Agencies Association of San Diego County, will award thirteen \$1,000 scholarships to graduating San Diego County high school seniors. Noteworthy applicants will also be considered for a \$1,000 and \$500 scholarship awarded by Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District.

CSDA's Scholarship Program is designed to encourage interest in our most local form of government - Special Districts, and to help outstanding students continue their studies through higher education. You may submit an application through a participating agency which provides Special District services to your home or school.

Awards are based on your ability to express the purpose of Special Districts in a one page essay. Criteria include the essay (35%), a personal statement of life experiences (35%), community and volunteer experiences (15%), a recommendation letter (optional), and grade point average (15% - must be 2.5 or higher).

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Thirteen San Diego County high school seniors will win scholarships for their essays in the 2006 California Special Districts/ Association of San Diego County Water Agencies Scholarship Program.

What's a

Special District?

Special Districts govern everything from water service to fire protection, yet many people have never heard of them. This scholarship asks you to research and write an essay on California Special Districts. Your essay may describe what a Special District is, its role in our economy, how a Special District governs, or any aspect of Special Districts that interests you.

Each member agency of the San Diego Chapter of CSDA may select one applicant to be considered by the CSDA Scholarship Committee. You may submit your application through Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (Rincon), a Special District that provides public water service to your home or school.

Rincon will review applications received by the deadline (February 24, 2006), and will nominate one student to the CSDA's Chapter Scholarship Committee. The thirteen winners will be selected by a panel of CSDA judges and will receive their awards at the CSDA Quarterly Dinner Meeting on May 18, 2006.

To receive an application or for more information on Special Districts, please call the number on the back of this brochure or visit Rincon's web site at www.rinconwater.org.

How Do I qualify?



1. Complete an application form obtained from Rincon or your school counselor. Your application form should include a list of your community involvement activities. On the last line of the application be sure to indicate that you are submitting your essay to Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District.
2. Provide a transcript and current registration information that verifies your status as a graduating senior of the class of 2006.
3. Request and include a letter of recommendation from a high school faculty member or professional associate (optional).
4. Prepare a typewritten personal statement (no more than one page) that discusses any or all of the following: your reason for applying for this scholarship, your decision to further your education, your education and career goals, or your personal background and interests.
5. Compose and include an original one-page, typewritten essay on the purpose of Special Districts. The written essay will be judged on originality and accuracy. For information about Special Districts:
 - a) Review written materials about Special Districts. Reference materials have been provided to your counseling office and local public libraries. Materials are also available for review from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekdays at Rincon.
 - b) Attend a Special District Board meeting. Rincon's governing board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 1920 North Iris Lane in Escondido.
 - c) Conduct a local Special District agency interview.
6. Submit your essay package to **Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District** on or before **February 24, 2006**.