



## 2020 SPJ San Diego Area Journalism Competition SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION INFORMATION

Our SPJ Scholarship Competition will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships to local college students in the categories of print, photo and video and in honor of former North County columnist Agnes Diggs. Applicants may make submissions in multiple scholarship categories (i.e. print, photo and video) but won't win more than one. SPJ may give out more than one scholarship in a given category.

In addition to traditional media categories, the San Diego SPJ chapter administers the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation's Agnes Diggs Road to College Scholarship. This scholarship, named for North County Times columnist Agnes Diggs, is open to San Diego County or Riverside County journalism and communications sophomores, juniors or seniors attending college full or part-time at the time of application. The Agnes Diggs scholarship is only open to college students who have at least one more semester or quarter (Fall 2020) as the money is paid directly to the school. San Diego SPJ scholarships are open to all current college students, including those who will have already graduated by the July awards presentation.

Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to community improvement in their essays. Priority is given to students from underserved communities.

To be considered for these scholarships, students must write a 500-word essay that explains their career goals, their journalism experience to date and why they should be chosen. Entrants must also submit at least two and no more than three examples of work for consideration in each category. (To be clear, to win the print category, you must submit 2-3 articles; to win the photo category, you must submit 2-3 photos, and to win the video category, you must submit 2-3 videos. **Attach all articles, videos or photos to the same entry.** For Agnes Diggs, you may submit work in one or more categories.) Submissions must have been published in 2019 and must be electronic, i.e. consist of URLs, JPGs or digital video link. Mailed copies will not be accepted.

To enter, go to [www.betterbnc.com](http://www.betterbnc.com) and create an account for yourself under "Open Call Contestant" Then go to "Manage Entries" and click on "Make entry". Under "Division" choose "Scholarships" and then choose which scholarship you wish to apply for and follow the instructions from there. If you need help with this, please contact [spj.sandiego@cox.net](mailto:spj.sandiego@cox.net)

Winners will be announced prior to our annual awards banquet and the scholarships will be distributed at the banquet that night.