

Field Botany of San Diego County
College of Extended Studies NC 0301, San Diego State University
Non-Credit Course

**California Native Plant Society – San Diego Chapter
2019 Scholarship Candidates**

We have 7 SDSU Field Botany scholarship candidates, with six having provided all the info requested. Three are enrolled students who can parse the tuition cost for the course. Given the cost of part time enrollment is \$1665 for up to six units, the two unit class would cost them \$555.00. By this math, the total cost for all 7 candidates would cost \$795(4) + \$555(3) = \$4845 USD.

The November 2018 minutes show a passed motion that allowed up to 5 scholarships, with the cost limit set at \$5000.00.

C. SDSU Botany Class Sponsorships/Scholarships:

A motion is made by Torrey Neel and seconded by Connie di Girolamo for the Chapter to authorize up to three additional additional SDSU Field Botany Identification Class Scholarships, not to exceed \$795 each (including parking fees)—[including the two scholarships previously approved]. The Motion passed unanimously.

Propose a motion to “Authorize the addition of two additional scholarships for the SDSU Field Botany of San Diego County Course, available to enrolled SDSU students. The total cost of the scholarship program would increase by \$870.00 to cover 7 students instead of 5.”

1) Joyce Qiao

I've just registered for the course and can now send you my information for the scholarship! Please see attached pdf for the class receipt.

My name is Joyce and am a recent graduate of UCSD with a B.S. in Earth Science. For the past six months, I have been working for a nonprofit ecology group focused on coastal dune habitat restoration. Coming from a “rock person” background, I am very eager to have the opportunity to take Michael Simpson’s Field Botany course to aid my conversion into a “plant person.” I am so excited to gain new plant identification skills--and especially so because it will directly apply to my job, and not to mention my passion for natural science. As I am currently working on paying my student loans, this scholarship aid would really mean a lot to me! Thank you for your time and consideration, Joyce Q.

Contact info and status of current employer:

Soil Ecology and Restoration Group (SDSU Research Foundation)

Program Coordinator: Richard Hillary (Email rhillary@sdsu.edu, Office# 619-594-6621)

My contact information:

Joyce Qiao (Email jqiao@sdsu.edu, Cell# 510-990-7791)

10193 Camino Ruiz, Apt. A100

San Diego, CA 92126

PAID: \$795.00 USD [Proof confirmed]

2) **Alaina Perun**

1) This institution does not provide a set cost for one unit of class; however, the school does have a basic cost of attendance for ("tuition") for enrollment in six units or more for the Spring semester. Perhaps, this number can be divided by three to account for the two unit cost of the course. This can be found on page four of the document attached to this email.

2) I am extremely excited to be enrolled in this course--the main reason being that it explores new biological avenues I have yet to traverse in my undergraduate education. I am a marine biology major, so I have not taken many terrestrial plant biology courses. This class offers a unique experience to truly interact and engage with my environment: the native plants in the county I have called home my whole life. I am not only looking forward to the systematic knowledge I will gain, but also the respect I am sure will evolve as I learn how these plants survive and thrive in this Mediterranean, coastal desert called the chaparral. Additionally, I am an avid hiker and I love the outdoors, so I am excited to share my knowledge with my friends and family whom also enjoy time outside. Through joyfully sharing my new knowledge, I hope to translate my enthusiasm around learning, especially toward biology, and inspire them to take advantage of unique opportunities that arise in their own learning process. This class is a special opportunity in my college career to expand my knowledge, research, and field experience regarding plant species, and I am fully invested in the journey.

3) **Current employer:** SDSU Department of Psychology; Position: Academic Grader
Contact: Debbie Deroma; Email: dderoma@sdsu.edu

Seasonal employee: Invasion Laser Tag
Position: Marshall and Party Host
Contact: Bronwyn Caster
Phone Number: 760-571-9191

4) Personal Contact Information:

Cell Phone: 1-(760)-702-2018

Address: Alaina Perun
5504 Montezuma Road Apt 302
San Diego CA 92115

PAID: \$555.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

3) **Annabelle Bernabe**

My current job role for the US Geological Survey is unique where I conduct mostly avian field surveys and then work primarily on the region's Rare Plant Program for San Diego Management and Monitoring Program (SDMMP). Looking through numerous entries of plant species for the program and encountering hundreds of plants out in the field, SDSU's Field Botany Class will certainly help with my identification skills necessary for work. I also think the class will help me better recognize any nonnative/invasive plants that I can map and send locations to invasive plant programs.

I've attached a copy of my class receipt and here is additional contact information:

Annabelle Bernabe, Biologist

Cell: 310-986-7271

8812 Geraldine Ave
San Diego, CA 92123

San Diego Management and Monitoring Program
US Geological Survey
4165 Spruance Road, Ste 200
San Diego, CA 92101
619-225-6446

PAID: \$795.00 USD [Proof confirmed]

4) **Sonya Holmquist**

Attached is a copy of my receipt for the Field Botany Class.

I was so excited when I saw the notice of the class in the newsletter and decided that, even though it was fairly expensive, it was a class I wanted to take. Although I have a degree in botany, and San Diego native plants have always been my main interest, I had fallen woefully behind in keeping up with the changing classifications. I look forward to being able to participate in the documentation of species and their ranges (and changes of ranges) of natives in San Diego County.

I am retired and not currently employed.

My contact information:

Name: Sonya Holmquist

Address: 3435 Bancroft Street, San Diego, CA 92104

Phone: 619-358-5294

PAID: \$795.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

5) **Diana Brand Ramirez dbrandramirez@sdsu.edu**

I would like to state my interest in applying for the scholarship covering tuition for the

SDSU program, Field Botany of San Diego, during the Spring 2019 semester. As a current student majoring in Environmental Science, I expect to gain the necessary knowledge of native plants through this course. Upon graduation, this spring, I aspire to begin a career in conservation focused on native plant ecology. Please find my proof of enrollment attached in the email; I look forward to your response.

Additional information follows:

9253 Earl St.
LA Mesa, CA 91942
(805) 7295844

Current Employer

City of San Diego

202 C St

San Diego, CA 92101

Management Intern - under MSCP and Vernal Pool Biologists

**Temporary employees are not eligible for tuition reimbursement nor offered paid career advancement opportunities.*

PAID: \$555.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

6) **Kelly Ann Verakis**

Attached is my receipt for Basic Tuition & Fees for the Spring 2019 semester.

As for all humans alike, it is my innate curiosity that fuels my desire to wrap my head around the enthralling phenomenon that is life. Throughout my educational career, I have yet to come across organisms as captivating to me as plants. With such fascinating characteristics as well as genuinely imperative roles in every ecological community, plants have become the entity of my passions. With that said, the Field Botany of San Diego County course will not only continue to drive such curiosity, but also prepare me for my goals of conservation, research, and educational outreach in the field. The

opportunity to learn from such esteemed professors and mentors has already become an exceptional experience that I am grateful to be a part of.

If Applicable: Current Employer
Duet Coffee Espresso Bar
Owner- Sun Mi (Esther) Kim
Contact Information: duetcoffeebar@gmail.com

Personal Contact Information
Kelly Verakis
4337 Temecula Street #1
San Diego, CA 92107

Furthermore, I would love to discuss volunteer opportunities as well as any involvement in CNPS-SD meetings open to the public:) I look forward to hearing from you.

PAID: \$555.00 USD [Proof of enrollment confirmed]

7) **Sarah Harron** saraharron@yahoo.com

Dear CNPS,

I moved back to San Diego a little less than a year ago to study herbalism. It was the love of plants that inspired me to make this move and big change in my life. Since then, I started studying sustainable agriculture at SD City College and became a CNPS member. SDSU's field botany program seemed like an irresistible opportunity to go deeper into the study of plants – especially natives. I have just begun to study Native plants and am astounded by their medicinal abilities and how little is known about them. I also hadn't realized the health they provide for our local ecosystem and the environment we all cohabitate. After these first two classes I'm already overwhelmed by what I don't know and am excited about what I'm going to get to learn.

I've been working part time and taking classes since I've moved back to San Diego. Money has been very tight. This scholarship would really make a big difference for me.

Thank you,
Sarah Harron

Sarah Harron

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TOTALS: 7 candidates requesting \$4845.00 USD

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