

THINK DIGNITY

DIGNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Launched in 2026, Think Dignity's **Dignity Scholars Program** awards currently and formerly homeless students with a scholarship to help cover tuition costs at participating community colleges in San Diego.

Think Dignity is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing services to, and advocating on behalf of, unhoused San Diegans. Our goal is to restore, defend, and advance basic dignity for people experiencing homelessness through our innovative impact programs, Dignity Legal Services, and advocacy campaigns. Learn more at thinkdignity.org.



SCHOLARSHIP

The Think Dignity Scholarship celebrates the resilience and determination of students who have navigated significant challenges in securing stable housing. It honors individuals who demonstrate perseverance, resourcefulness, and commitment to their educational goals despite obstacles. Recipients embody strength, adaptability, and the drive to create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Think Dignity scholarship through the Dignity Scholars Program, a student must:

1. Be currently enrolled at an accredited community college partner school who is now or has faced homelessness or housing insecurity
2. Meet all scholarship eligibility criteria set forth by the participating college (e.g., is in good academic standing, has unmet financial need, etc.)
3. Be enrolled in, participate at, or utilize the Basic Needs Center, food pantry, or equivalent program at the participating college
4. Submit scholarship application and essay (~500 words, see prompts below) as required by the participating college
5. Submit a photo and brief testimonial to Think Dignity upon receipt of award (optional, but greatly encouraged; media waiver and instructions to be provided)

ESSAY PROMPTS

Prompt 1: What Dignity Means to Me (in about 100 words)

Think Dignity's mission is to advance basic dignity for people experiencing homelessness in San Diego County. Tell us how you define Dignity and what living with Dignity means to you.

Prompt 2: Overcoming Adversity (in about 300 words)

For 20 years, Think Dignity has been advancing basic dignity for unhoused San Diegans through our impact programs, Dignity Legal Services, and advocacy campaigns. Whether you have benefitted directly from our programs or not, please, tell us about the challenges you have faced experiencing homelessness and how you have overcome these adversities.

Prompt 3: Impact (in about 100 words)

Think Dignity strives to have a positive impact on our community. If awarded this scholarship, what impact do you hope to achieve through your education.