



2018 GILROY ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

The Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship and Awards Program will be offering up to \$52,000.00 in college scholarships to the following:

- Qualified high school seniors graduating in 2018 who will enter their first year of college in Fall 2018; and
- Gavilan or other students who are transferring to a four-year college in Fall 2018.

The scholarships are as follows:

Goldsmith/Gilroy Rotary Floriculture Scholarship(s): up to \$7500 total scholarships.

These scholarships are specifically designed for students planning a career in Floriculture, Horticulture, Plant Science, Biology, or a related field.

(These awards are also available to Gavilan College students in these fields who are transferring to a four-year college).

General Scholarships: up to \$12,000 total.

Each scholarship will range from \$500 to \$2500 for academic achievement and service.

Gilroy Rotary reserves the right to change the number and/or amount of scholarships awarded.

Susan J. Seledon Scholarship/Gilroy Rotary: Two scholarships of \$15,000 each (\$7500 per year for two years),

These are designed to assist individuals who have completed their first two years of college education, and who have demonstrated their potential for success.

Applicants must be returning to school after an extended interruption in their education. To qualify for this scholarship, students must also be transferring to a four-year-college in Fall 2018.

Gilroy Gardens Scholarships: up to \$3000 total for three (3) scholarships at \$1000 each.

Specifically designed for students pursuing studies that align with the Gilroy Gardens mission: education, horticulture, and environmental studies. Applicants must have at least two (2) years positive work experience with Gilroy Gardens (applicant does not need to be a current employee).

Preference will be given to supervisors, where possible, after academic and other standards are met.

General Instructions:

To qualify for the Goldsmith Scholarship, applicants must:

- live in Gilroy or be attending a Gilroy Unified School District high school
- have an excellent record of service in the community and/or extracurricular activities
- graduate from a high school or Gavilan College in June 2018.
- A minimum 3.0 GPA for the last two years is required.



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To qualify for the Susan J. Seledon Scholarship, applicants must:

- be a resident of South Santa Clara County or North San Benito County,
- or have attended Gavilan or Hartnell Community College.
- Be returning to college after an extended interruption in studies
- Be transferring to a four-year college in Fall 2018

Pointers to complete this application packet successfully:

The Checklist: Use the check-off boxes on the front page of the application packet to be sure that you have collected and turned in all required items.

Scholarship Application: Be sure to answer all questions. Do not leave blanks. Each answer is essential in determining your qualifications for this scholarship. Please contact your school counselor or advisor for resources and assistance in completing this application.

Essay: Provide a maximum 350-word essay to reflect your experience in community and extracurricular activities. It should express what your involvement in Gilroy has meant to you. You should also explain your higher education and career goals. When your application essay is complete, it must be WORD-PROCESSED AND PROOFREAD for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors. Students are encouraged to ask for help to make sure their applications are error-free.

Recommendation Form: Three (3) recommendations are required for completion of this application. A recommendation form is provided and may be supplemented as needed. The Gilroy Rotary Scholarship and Awards Committee requires that at least one recommendation be from a high school/college instructor; the others may be from outside the school system, such as a community member familiar with your extracurricular and community activities.

It is very useful to the people you are using as references if you provide general information about this scholarship's criteria in written form, along with your request that they complete the recommendation form. Be sure to give the person who is writing the recommendation adequate time to complete the form. The deadline date should be clearly identified by you to the writer when you make your request. You should provide an envelope addressed to the Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship Committee, and include the completed, sealed recommendation form with your application. It is your responsibility to see that the application is turned in on time with all other required materials. Do not open sealed recommendation envelopes.

Submission of Completed Application: Have all required transcripts, recommendations, and other pages contained in the application packet completed before you turn in your application. Your application will not be considered if it is not complete. It is also a good idea to keep a photocopy of your completed application for your records.

Notification: All valid applicants will be notified by mail of the determination made on their application.



2018 GILROY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS APPLICATION

Dear Student: Your completed application with all required attachments must be received at the Gilroy Rotary Club's P.O. Box 1912, Gilroy, CA 95021 by **5:00 PM, Wednesday, February 28, 2018.**

Please select which scholarships you are applying for (be sure you qualify for each scholarship you check).

- General Rotary
- Gilroy Gardens
- Goldsmith Horticulture/
Floriculture
- Susan J. Seledon

Name

Address

City / Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail

High School/College

High School/College Counselor

College(s) to which you have applied / been accepted for admission for Fall 2018:

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| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |

Planned Major / Course of Study: _____

List extracurricular activities (community, school, charitable, etc. Attach additional sheet if necessary)

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| 1. | 5. |
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| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |

Do you work? Yes No

Name of employer (if applicable)

Number of hours per week (if applicable)

Occupation of Father/Guardian

Occupation of Mother/Guardian

Authorization for release of records: I hereby authorize the Gilroy Rotary Club to release any information concerning my Academic Transcript and Scholarship Application to any donors and to the Scholarship Committee.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



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Thank you for applying for the 2018 Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship & Awards Program. In order for us to process your application, and to be fair to all applicants, the following items must be received by

February 28, 2018

- Sealed copy of high school/college transcripts (begin your request immediately!)
- Three (3) completed recommendations (see attached form), with one from a high school or college instructor.
- Completed Application Form
- A maximum one page, 350-word essay stating your planned studies and career goals.

Submit completed Application Packet to:

**Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1912
Gilroy, CA 95021**

Application Deadline: all completed application packets must be received in the Gilroy Rotary Club PO Box by February 28, 2018.

Only completed applications received by the Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship Committee by the deadline date will be considered. Please contact your school counselor or advisor for assistance in completing this application.

Application packets can be obtained at your school counseling office, or online at

www.GilroyRotary.org

