



2017 GILROY ROTARY
SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Student:

Thank you for applying for the **2017 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 turned into the Gilroy Rotary Club by **5:00 PM, Friday, April 21, 2017**.

All items must be included.

CHECKLIST:

- Sealed copy of high school/college transcripts (begin your request immediately!)
- Three (3) completed recommendation forms with one from a high school/college instructor, and two from outside the school system. (Sealed envelopes are not to be opened.)
- Completed application form
- A one-page essay stating your planned studies and career goals

Submit completed application packet to:

Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship Committee
Attn: Dr. Deborah A. Flores, Superintendent
Gilroy Unified School District
7810 Arroyo Circle
Gilroy CA 95020

Application DEADLINE is 5:00 PM, Friday, April 21, 2017.

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

Application packets can be obtained by calling [\(408\) 848-7162](tel:4088487162) or by picking up a packet at the Gilroy Unified School District, 7810 Arroyo Circle, Gilroy, CA, OR downloading a packet at the Gilroy Rotary website www.GilroyRotary.org



2017 GILROY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS INSTRUCTIONS

The Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarships and Awards Program will be offering up to \$50,500 in college scholarships to qualified high school seniors graduating in 2017 and entering their first year of college in the fall of 2017, along with Gavilan or Hartnell College graduates who are transferring to a four-year college in the fall of 2017. The scholarships will be as follows:

Goldsmith/Gilroy Rotary Floriculture Scholarship(s): up to \$7,500 total; 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 transferring to a four-year college.)

General Scholarships: up to \$5,000 total; ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 for academic achievement and service. Gilroy Rotary reserves the right to change the number and/or amount of scholarships awarded.

Syngenta/Rotary Flower Sale Scholarships: up to \$5,000; total, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 for academic achievement and service. Gilroy Rotary and Syngenta reserves the right to change the number and/or amount of scholarships awarded.

Susan J. Seledon Scholarship/Gilroy Rotary: up to \$7,500 for two (2) years; specifically designed to assist individuals who have completed their first two years of education, attaining a degree or certificate and demonstrating their potential for success. Special attention will be given to those returning to school after an interruption in their education. To qualify for this scholarship, students must be transferring to a four-year college in fall of 2017.

Gilroy Gardens Scholarships: up to \$3,000 total for three (3) scholarships at \$1,000 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 (does not need to be a current employee of 2017 season, but must have been employed in 2015 and one previous year). Preference given to supervisors, where possible, after academic and other standards are met.

General Instructions:

To qualify for the Goldsmith Scholarship, Syngenta/Rotary Flower Sale Scholarships and/or General Scholarships, 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, and graduate from a high school or Gavilan College in June of 2017 with a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the last two years. To qualify for the Susan J. Seledon Scholarship, Applicants must be a South Santa Clara County or North San Benito County resident with attendance at a South Santa Clara County Community College or Hartnell Community College.

To qualify applicants must:

- Be living in Gilroy or attending a Gilroy Unified School District school
- Have an excellent record of service in community and/or extracurricular activities
- Graduate from a high school or Gavilan College in June 2017 with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last two years.

Submit completed application packet by 5:00 PM, Friday, April 15, 2017 to:

Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship Committee
Attn: Dr. Deborah A. Flores, Superintendent
Gilroy Unified School District
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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. Don't 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 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 TYPED AND PROOFREAD for grammar and spelling errors. Students are encouraged to ask for help to make sure their applications are error free.

Recommendation Form: Three (3) recommendation forms are required for completion of this application. The Gilroy Rotary Scholarship and Awards Committee requires that one be from a high school/college instructor and two from outside the school system, such as a community member familiar with your community and extracurricular 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 a recommendation for you 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 each sealed recommendation form with your application. It is your responsibility to see that the application is turned in on time with all other material required. ***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.



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Name

Address

City, Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail

Social Security #

High School/College

High School/College Counselor

Phone Number

High School/College Phone

Name of College(s) to which you have applied/been accepted for admission Fall 2017

1. 2.

3. 4.

Planned Major/Course of Study

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

1. 5.

2. 6.

3. 7.

4. 8.

Do you work? Yes No

Name of employer (if applicable)

How many 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/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



2017 GILROY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS RECOMMENDATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: This recommendation should be put into a sealed envelope and given back to the student. If you don't want to complete this recommendation form, please advise the student to select another to do so.

Student Name

How long have you known this individual?

In what capacity have you know this individual?

Circle the rating most applicable to the applicant on the following criteria, using the scale

Table with 5 columns: (1) Outstanding, (2) Excellent, (3) Above Average, (4) Average, (5) Below Average. Rows include criteria like Goal Oriented, Prospect for personal success, Leadership qualities, etc.

Remarks and general information concerning this individual you feel the selection committee should consider when screening this application (please elaborate on information provided).

Multiple horizontal lines for writing remarks.

Name Relationship to Applicant, if any

Name of Organization/Business Phone Number

Signature Date

PO Box 1912, Gilroy CA 95021-1912, www.GilroyRotary.org