



2025 GILROY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

The Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship and Awards Program will be offering up to \$113,500.00 in college scholarships to the following:

- Qualified Gilroy area high school seniors graduating in 2025 who will enter their first year of college in Fall 2025; and
- Gavilan College or other students who are transferring to a four-year college in Fall 2025.

The scholarships are as follows:

General Rotary Scholarships: up to \$13,000 total.

Each scholarship will range from \$250 to \$2,500 for academic achievement and service.

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

Goldsmith/Gilroy Rotary Horticulture/Biological Sciences Scholarship(s): up to \$7,500 total scholarships.

These scholarships are specifically designed for students planning a career in 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).

To qualify for the Goldsmith Scholarship, applicants must:

- live in Gilroy or be attending a Gilroy High School or Gavilan College
- have an excellent record of service in the community and/or extracurricular activities
- graduate from high school or Gavilan College in June 2025.
- A minimum 3.0 GPA for the last two years is required.

Susan J. Seledon/Rotary Continuing College Scholarship: Three scholarships of \$10,000 each (\$5000 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 interruption in their education. To qualify for this scholarship, students must also be transferring to a four-year-college in Fall 2025.

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

- be a resident of South Santa Clara County or North San Benito County,
- or have attended Gavilan Community College.
- Have had an interruption in studies for a few years, and
- Be transferring to a four-year college in Fall 2025



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Susan J. Seledon/Rotary Fine Arts Scholarship: Up to \$20,000 total – Up to \$5000 per year for up to four years while the student remains in the art major.

- This scholarship is designed for a student who will be pursuing a four-year college degree in traditional 2D painting, drawing, or a graphic fine art.

Susan J. Seledon/Rotary First Generation College Scholarship: Up to two scholarships for \$20,000 each – Up to \$5,000 per year for up to four years.

- These two scholarships are designed for students who will be the first in their immediate family to attend a four-year college

Pointers to complete this application packet successfully:

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.

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

Essay: Provide a maximum 300-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 to ensure correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Students are encouraged to ask for help to make sure their applications are error-free.

Resume: A Personal Resume which should include:

- Academic Achievements
- Extracurricular activities
- Volunteer work
- Job History
- Other awards or recognitions

Submission of Completed Application: Have all required transcripts 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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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, March 5, 2025**.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Rotary Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Goldsmith Horticulture/Biological Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan J. Seledon Continuing College | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan J. Seledon Fine Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan J. Seledon First Generation College |
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Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

High School/College _____

High School/College Counselor _____

College(s) to which you have applied/been accepted for admission Fall 2025:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Planned Major/Course of Study _____



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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 2025 Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship & Awards Program. In order to process your application, and to be fair to all applicants, the following items must be received by

March 5, 2025

- Sealed copy of high school/college transcripts (begin your request immediately!)
- Personal Resume
- Completed Application Form
- A one page, maximum 300-word essay stating your planned studies and career goals.
- If applying for the Susan J. Seledon Scholarships please include how you meet the qualifications specific to the scholarship

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 **March 5, 2025**.

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