



2013 GILROY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Student:

Thank you for applying for the **2013 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 12, 2013**.

All items must be included.

CHECKLIST:

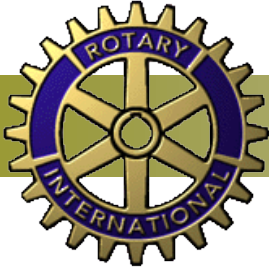
- Sealed copy of high school/college transcripts (begin your request immediately!)
- Three (3) completed recommendation forms with one from a high school/college instructor, and two from outside the school system. (Sealed envelopes are not to be opened.)
- Completed application form
- A one-page essay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

Submit completed application packet to:

Gilroy Rotary Club
Scholarship Committee
P O Box 1912
Gilroy CA 95021

Application DEADLINE is 5:00 PM, Friday, April 12, 2013.

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.



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The Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarships and Awards Program will be offering up to \$21,000 in college scholarships to qualified high school seniors graduating in 2013 and entering their first year of college in the fall of 2013, along with Gavilan or Hartnell College graduates who are transferring to a four-year college in the Fall of 2013. The scholarships will be as follows:

Goldsmith/Gilroy Rotary Floriculture Scholarship(s): up to \$9,000 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 \$7,000 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 \$5,000 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 Goldsmith Scholarship, Syngenta/Rotary Flower Sale Scholarships and/or General Scholarships, applicants must live in Gilroy or be attending a Gilroy Unified School District school, have an excellent record of service in the community and/or extracurricular activities, and graduate high school or Gavilan College in June of 2013 with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in 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 high school or Gavilan College in June 2013 with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last two years.

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www.GilroyRotary.org

Application packets can be obtained by calling the Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship Chair, Tim Day, at (408) 842-1270, OR picking up a packet at the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce office, 7471 Monterey Street, Gilroy, OR downloading a packet at the Gilroy Rotary website, www.GilroyRotary.org.



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The Gilroy Rotary Scholarship and Awards Program is open to qualified high school seniors graduating in June of 2013, entering their first year of college in the Fall of 2013, along with Gavilan College graduates who are transferring to a four-year college in the Fall of 2013. The Gilroy Rotary Club will be awarding a total of \$18,000 in scholarships to graduates who have an excellent record of experience in community and extracurricular activities. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their last two years of high school or college.

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 2013

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 _____

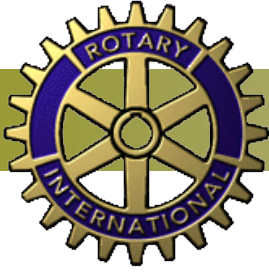
Occupation of Mother/Guardian _____

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.

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Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



2013 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

(1) Outstanding	(2) Excellent	(3) Above Average	(4) Average	(5) Below Average
1. Goal Oriented				1 2 3 4 5
2. Prospect for personal success (career / personal)				1 2 3 4 5
3. Leadership qualities				1 2 3 4 5
4. Responsibility / Reliability				1 2 3 4 5
5. Creativity / Resourcefulness				1 2 3 4 5
6. Extracurricular involvement				1 2 3 4 5
7. Prospects for Academic Success				1 2 3 4 5

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

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