



2021 GILROY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

The Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship and Awards Program will be offering up to \$52,500.00 in college scholarships to the following:

- Qualified high school seniors graduating in 2021 who will enter their first year of college in Fall 2021; and
- Gavilan College or other students who are transferring to a four-year college in Fall 2021.

The scholarships are as follows:

General Rotary Scholarships: up to \$15,000 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.

Goldsmith/Gilroy Rotary Horticulture/Biological Sciences Scholarship(s): up to \$7500 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 Unified School District high school or Gavilan College
- have an excellent record of service in the community and/or extracurricular activities
- graduate from a high school or Gavilan College in June 2021
- A minimum 3.0 GPA for the last two years is required.

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 interruption in their education. To qualify for this scholarship, students must also be transferring to a four-year-college in Fall 2021.

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 Community College.
- **Be returning to college after an interruption in studies- explain this in your essay**
- Be transferring to a four-year college in Fall 2021



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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, 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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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, Friday, February 26, 2021.**

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

General
Rotary

Goldsmith
Horticulture/
Biological Sciences

Susan J.
Seledon

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 2021:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Planned Major/Course of Study _____

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 2021 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

February 26, 2021

- Sealed copy of high school/college transcripts (begin your request immediately!)
Christopher and Gilroy High School students can request their counseling office send an unofficial transcript directly to the Gilroy Rotary Scholarship Committee.
- Personal Resume
- Completed Application Form
- A maximum one page, 300-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 26, 2021**.

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