Dear Student:

Thank you for applying for the 2012 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, May 4, 2012.

All items must be included.

CHECKLIST for Goldsmith Scholarship & General Scholarships:

- 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

CHECKLIST for Susan J. Seledon Scholarship:

- Sealed copy of high college transcripts (begin your request immediately!)
- Three (3) completed recommendation forms with one from a college instructor, and two from outside the school system. (Sealed envelopes are not to be opened.)
- Completed application form
- A one-page statement concerning financial need
- 350-word essay stating how your planned goal of studies will benefit the community in a direct or indirect way
- One-page statement explaining what hardships you have had to overcome to reach this stage of your education

Submit completed application packet to:

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

Application DEADLINE is 5:00 PM, Friday, May 4, 2012.

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.
The Gilroy Rotary Club Scholarship and Awards Program college scholarships to qualified high school seniors graduating in 2012 and entering their first year of college in the Fall of 2012, along with Gavilan College graduates who are transferring to a four-year college in the Fall of 2012.

Goldsmith/Gilroy Rotary Floriculture Scholarship(s) ................................................................. Up to $9,000
Specifically designated for students planning a career in Floriculture, horticulture, Plant Science, Biology, or a related field. Also available to Gavilan College graduates in these fields transferring to a four-year college.

General Scholarships .................................................................................................................. Up to $9,000 total
Two $2,500 Academic Achievement & Service Scholarships
Four $1,000 Academic Achievement & Service Scholarships
Gilroy Rotary 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 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 and/or General Scholarships 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 2012 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

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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.
The Gilroy Rotary Scholarship and Awards Program is open to qualified high school seniors graduating in June of 2012, entering their first year of college in the Fall of 2012, along with Gavilan College graduates who are transferring to a four-year college in the Fall of 2012. The Gilroy Rotary Club will be awarding 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.
Name
Address
City, Zip
Phone Number
E-Mail
Social Security #
High School/College
High School/College Counselor
High School/College Phone

Name of College(s) to which you have applied/been accepted for admission Fall 2012
1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  

Planned Major/Course of Study

List extracurricular activities (community, school, charitable, etc.) Attach additional sheet if necessary.
1.  
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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__________________

For applicants under age 21
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

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

Name ____________________________ Relationship to Applicant, if any ____________________________

Name of Organization/Business ____________________________ Phone Number ____________________________

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________