

GUSTO Scholarship Award Application

(Gustine Unlimited Scholarship Trust Organization)

Applicant Information Sheet

By completing these forms you may be considered for several GUSTO scholarships. Each of these scholarships is based on cumulative GPA, activities, and an essay.

Graduates of Gustine and Pioneer High School in the classes of 2014 through 2016 who will be enrolled and attending a post secondary school in the 2017-2018 academic year are eligible to apply for an award.

ELIGIBILITY:

College students must have a cumulative GPA of **2.5 or higher at the college they are attending**. All applicants must be enrolled and attending a post secondary school during the 2017-2018 academic year as a full-time student.

Choosing the recipients of the awards and the amount awarded is the sole responsibility of the GUSTO Awards Committee. Amount of awards will depend on the money available, the number of applicants, and the dollar amount of the various awards. The expected amount of the GUSTO awards will be \$300 for two-year or vocational programs and \$500 for four-year programs. The GUSTO board reserves the right to adjust these amounts on a group or individual basis. When a student who has been chosen to receive an award changes educational plans the Board reserves the right to cancel or alter the award.

The awards committee will review the applications on an anonymous basis. For this reason **use only the last four digits of your Social Security number on the application**.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the entire application form. Your name should appear only on the information pages.
2. Obtain an **official** transcript from your school office and include with the award application. (Do this early, some colleges take a while. We will not accept a copy of an internet transcript.)
3. Carefully write a serious single-page autobiographical essay telling us about yourself—your life, accomplishments, future goals—we want to know who you are and what you want to become. You may type or use your very best handwriting. Spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness will make your autobiography easier to read and demonstrate your readiness for college. **Do not write your name, or family members' names, anywhere in your essay**. Put **only the last four digits of your Social Security number** at the top right hand corner of each page.
4. Give out your recommendation forms right away so that you give the persons completing them plenty of time. ***College students* are to give out **one** to a **college faculty member** and **one** to an **un-related adult** who *knows you well***. Instruct each of them to place the completed recommendation in the envelope and seal it before returning it to you. It is your responsibility to collect the recommendations and return them with your scholarship application as an entire packet. **Directors or advisors of GUSTO are not allowed to give recommendations.**

The scholarship packets must be returned by US Mail to GUSTO, P.O. Box 431, Gustine, CA 95322. ALL ELEMENTS OF YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AS ONE COMPLETE PACKET. Failure to include **ALL** elements will result in the disqualification of your application. All packets must be postmarked by **April 3, 2017**. GUSTO recommends that your packet be sent "Return Receipt" to verify postal delivery. You will be notified by mail when your packet is received and reviewed for completeness.

If you are selected to receive an award you will be notified as soon as possible after April 15. Awards will be distributed at the GUSTO awards event to be held on May 8, in the Gustine High School Auditorium. If a college student cannot attend this event a representative must be present to receive the award. All award winners will be the guests of GUSTO.

Application forms are available on the web at www.gustoscholars.org/html/application.html