

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.

Gustine and Pioneer High School seniors who will be enrolled and attending a post secondary school in the 2017-2018 academic year are eligible to apply for an award. **All applicants must demonstrate their intent to pursue a post-secondary education and their desire to receive a GUSTO scholarship.**

ELIGIBILITY:

Seniors must graduate as a June 2017 graduate; must have a cumulative GPA of not less than **2.5 for a two-year vocational** school or not less than **3.0 for a four-year school** and must be enrolled and attending a post secondary school by Fall 2017 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.
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 the page.
4. Give out your recommendation forms right away so that you give the persons completing them plenty of time. **High school students** should give out a recommendation letter and a pre-printed envelope (write your name and the last four digits of your social security number on each envelope) to **two** high school **teachers** and **one** to an **adult** who is not related to you but 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.

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 and each high school senior **must be present to receive his or her award.** All award winners will be the guests of GUSTO.

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

High School Senior