

While many have been glued to their TVs watching their brackets explode during this season's college basketball "Big Dance," many other "friends of the foundation" have had their eyes glued to grant and scholarship applications submitted to Gilroy Foundation for consideration. Here's a behind-the-scenes look at the process.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Once the grant applications are submitted to the Gilroy Foundation office--we are strict with deadlines!--copies are prepared for the six volunteer grant readers. Each reader serves a term of three years and their tenure is staggered to provide continuity in the process. After rating all of the applications individually, a date is set for the readers to come together for consensus.

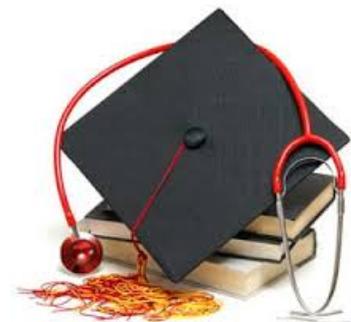


The grant recipients are ranked and the amount of money available to award is 5% of the balance of our various funds. In 2019, 43 grant requests totaling \$148,809 were submitted for consideration as Gilroy Foundation General Competitive Grant requests, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Additionally, three applications for the Richard Hayes \$20,000 Industrial Arts Competitive Grant and three applications for

the Julie Hayes \$20,000 Performing Arts Competitive Grant (totaling requests for \$120,000) were also received.

After the Board of Directors approves the recommendation from the Grants Committee, notifications to applicants are in the mail; and on April 17, grant recipients and donors will come together as grantees receive their checks during a brief ceremony at our Annual Meeting and Charitable Giving Presentation.

Overlapping a bit with the grant cycle is the reading of scholarship applications. There are nine volunteer scholarship readers who are chosen from our Boards (Directors, Emeritus and Ambassador), as are grant readers. Students are presented with their awards at the various Senior Awards ceremonies.



2019 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The process of updating the 2008 Gilroy Foundation Strategic Plan kicked off in 2017; the plan, with input from the Board, under the guidance of the CLASS Consulting Group and as a result of consultation with stakeholders, is being completed to include a work plan with Strategies designed to be implemented over the next three years. It has been a long process, but the final result will be worth the time and energy expended--another step in the evolution of Gilroy Foundation over the past "almost" 40 years!

You can find the revised Mission and Vision statements on the [Home Page](#) of the Gilroy Foundation website.

DID YOU KNOW....? *from the Desk of ED Donna Pray*

Many types of [funds](#) support Gilroy Foundation's grant and scholarship cycles.

- Unrestricted Fund: proceeds from these funds can be used for any grant awarded.
- Field-of-Interest Fund: proceeds from these types of funds must be used only for grants that will promote that interest, such as education, recreation, health, technology, art, etc.
- Designated Fund: A donor can choose a charity which will receive the annual payment from their Fund each year in perpetuity.
- Donor-Advised Fund: Each year, donors choose the charity and possibly the program within that charity that they want to support.
- Scholarship Fund: Donors decide on the amount and criteria for awards that come from their Fund.

In addition, Gilroy Foundation offers "Pass Through Giving" for donors that don't have an individual Donor-Advised Fund, but want to award a one-time grant or scholarship.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE AIR.....

No, not garlic... or pollen.....it's the excitement brewing here at the Foundation over an event that has been in the works since August 2018. As Gilroy Foundation moves toward its 40th year, the Board realized how much growth has taken place and how many locals *still* ask....*so, what does Gilroy Foundation do?*

The May 16, invitation-only "Give Where You Live" Faire, to be held at the Elk's Lodge on the Hill, is designed to **reconnect and update** many who have been with the foundation for a long while and to **educate** those new to the community and draw in our millennials who want to know more.

Invitations will be in the mail by the end of the month; the evening includes 5:30-6PM, Wine and Appetizers; 6-7PM, Panel Presentation including a very interesting timeline of the history of the foundation. Following the presentation, guests will enjoy more wine and delicious apps on the patio while they move to Information Tables staffed by our Board of Directors who will be ready to answer questions.

Would you like to attend the "Give Where You Live" Faire? Send your name, address and phone to info@gilroyfoundation.org.

WELCOME, DEB SANCHEZ, Gilroy Foundation Event Coordinator!

Deb has lived in Gilroy all her life, attended local schools, and married her high school sweetheart Mike Sanchez. They raised their daughter, Nicole Sanchez, in Gilroy and Nicole gave them three beautiful grandchildren, Hayden, Rossi, and Makena.

Deb Sanchez brings over 20 years of event management, fundraising, and community service to the Gilroy Foundation. She has served as Board Chair and Board President, Gilroy Chamber of Commerce; Board Trustee, Saint Louise Hospital Regional Foundation; and many other volunteer roles.

Deb's excellence in event management has earned her consistent 5-star Yelp reviews and the admiration of clients, vendors, and community leaders. She was named the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year in 2017. Deb is excited to bring her knowledge, gifts and talents to the Gilroy Foundation and we are delighted to have her on Our Team.

YOUTH BOARD WRAPS UP ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

The Gilroy Foundation [Youth Board](#) provides local middle school and high school students the opportunity support community and school needs through teamwork, collaboration, and partnership with the Gilroy Foundation. The mission for the Youth Board is to educate and

mobilize students to help solve the greatest challenges in our community. By combining the creativity and passion of these young people with the experience and guidance of adults, we can create a structure in which they can thrive and make a real, lasting difference. Students learn about the many different aspects of giving back to their community by volunteering time and understanding and defining needs.

Foundation Ambassadors, Emeritus Board Members and a Member of the Board of Directors serve as "Mentors" to the Youth Board, along with a Foundation staff member. Mentors for the 2018-2019 school year are Kristin Bright, Ericka Davis, Cheryl Ellemberg, Deanna Franklin and Sal Tomasello.

At the March meeting, Youth Board members interviewed representatives from three finalists and made their selection of the recipient of their annual \$1,000 grant, to be awarded at the April 17 Annual Meeting.



They were also asked to complete a short survey of the year's experience. Here is what a few of them had to say:

"I enjoyed being able to assist in decisions that directly affect our community, as well as the volunteer opportunities." (Caitlin Yang)

"I enjoyed leaning about the various organizations and the way in which they help our community." (Danielle Russell)

These students are among our future philanthropists and we are very proud of the good work they do. Thank you for your service, Mentors and Students!

"Give Where You Live"

To establish a legacy of giving, the Gilroy Foundation links charitable gifts from donors to the vital needs of the community.

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