

2021 Uvas Creek Scholarship Criteria

Description of Award:

A \$20,000 renewable scholarship will be awarded to:

- Five graduating seniors from Christopher High School
- Five graduating seniors from Gilroy High School
- Two graduating seniors from Gilroy Early College Academy
- Three graduating seniors from Mt. Madonna Continuation High School

Award Criteria:

- This scholarship can be used for tuition, fees, books, or housing at any **public** four-year university, two-year community, junior college, or vocational/technical schools. The students must be enrolled “full time” (12+ units). **If an applicant is awarded the Uvas Creek Scholarship, and does not attend a public institution, the student will forfeit the Uvas Creek Scholarship.**
- The students must have a positive attitude towards education and a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average.
- Through the application essay, the students must explain a high financial need in pursuing a higher education.
- Through the application essay, the students should exhibit a positive attitude, persistence and determination towards education.
- This award is to be used for tuition, housing, meals and educational expenses included in the cost of attending an educational institution. We encourage its use for nontaxable purposes as specified in the Revenue Act of 1986, which includes paying for tuition, books, fees and/or equipment needed for course work.
- This scholarship will be paid to the educational institution directly in payments of up to \$5,000 per year for four years (can be used up to a sixth year of undergraduate work if all funds are not used by the end of four years).
- In order to qualify for continuing years, the students must complete the **Uvas Creek Scholarship Re-Application Form**, which can be obtained from the Gilroy Foundation each June.

Method of Selection:

- The GUSD Common Application Form shall be used for all applicants.
- **Completed applications are due Friday, March 5, 2021.**
- Selection of winners will be made by the Gilroy Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.
- The students/high schools will be notified by the Gilroy Foundation in April. The scholarship must be redeemed by December 31, 2021, or be forfeited.