

2026 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
- One graduating senior 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 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 the 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 website each June.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Completed online GUSD Common Scholarship Application.
2. Three letters of recommendation: two letters from a staff member-teacher, ACs, Aps, and one letter from a community service supervisor (non-school staff member nor relative).
3. A copy of the applicant’s unofficial high school transcript.

Application Deadline: The application is due by **Friday, March 6, 2026.**

Selection of winners to be made by Gilroy Foundation Scholarship Selection Committees. The scholarship must be redeemed by December 11, 2026, or be forfeited.

Email any questions to scholarships@gilroyfoundation.org
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