



### **2026 “We Are All Connected” Scholarship**

#### **Scholarship Criteria:**

- Be a graduating senior from Gilroy High School, Christopher High School or GECA
- Be a permanent resident of Gilroy
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university

Provide an **additional essay** of up to 600 words: *Our words and actions impact our relationships with other people and the world we live in. When we are thoughtful about our words, actions, respect and consideration for the people and nature around us – we’re likely to have a happier and healthier culture. Write about a time someone connected with you and made a positive difference in your life; How will it impact how you connect with others moving forward in your life?*

- Three letters of recommendation
- Submit a copy of the unofficial high school transcript.
- Scholarship must be used for tuition, room and board, or any related educational expense

Exhibit all of the following characteristics:

- Demonstrates a love of learning
- Works to meet the needs of others
- Advocates for positive change
- Demonstrates inclusivity, a strong sense of social responsibility and leadership
- Commitment to equality
- Passionate about the environment
- Creativity

Application Deadline: The application is due March 6, 2026

Selection of winners will be made by the **We Are All Connected** Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarship must be redeemed by December 11, 2026 or be forfeited.

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