

## Marigold Legacy Scholarship Criteria 2026

Purpose: To empower first-gen, Latinx scholars in the field of art and education.

Scholarship Award: One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$750 to one high school senior entering a 4-year university or a community college.

Specific Requirements:

1. Be a (1) high school senior entering a 4-year university or a community college
2. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
3. Identify as Latina/o/x/é
4. Be first-generation college student — neither parent has completed a bachelor's degree in the U.S.
5. Be a (1) Gilroy resident or (2) GUSD student

Additional Requirements:

1. Completed GUSD Common Scholarship Application
2. Answers to the following essay questions (250 words maximum total for both)
  - What role has your first-gen, Latinx Identity played in your academic journey?
  - How do you envision your own legacy unfolding within the realms of education or art?
3. A copy of the applicant's high school transcript.
4. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher and/or coach.

Application Deadline: **Friday, March 6, 2026**

Determination of Award:

- Yearly recipient will be chosen by The Marigold Legacy Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Scholarship must be claimed by December 11, 2026, or be forfeited.

Scholarship administered by:

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