

Tony Vigna Memorial Scholarship Award - \$1,200
2026

Description of Award:

Tony Vigna graduated from Gilroy High School in 1954 where he was a Hall of Fame athlete in Basketball, and an All-League third baseman in Baseball. He was selected All Central Coast Athletic League, USA team, and the Northern California team for Basketball, and All-League for Baseball his sophomore, junior and senior years. He attended Stanford University on an athletic scholarship for Basketball and Baseball where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in history. After moving to Santa Barbara, Tony taught high school history at San Marcos High School for 43 years and coached boys and girls basketball and tennis at both San Marcos High School and Bishop Diego High School.

A \$1,200 scholarship award will be presented to one male or female recipient from Gilroy High School (GHS) and will be selected for their achievements in Community Service, Academics, and Athletics, with special consideration in Basketball and Baseball. The recipient will be among the most deserving as determined by the evaluation of the "Award Criteria".

Award Criteria

- The student must be a graduating GHS senior.
- The student must be accepted to a two or four-year college or university.
- The student must have a positive attitude towards education and a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- The student must exhibit strong characteristics in dedication to community service
- Emphasis will be given to a student who has exhibited commitment in Athletics, with special consideration in Basketball and Baseball.

Notes:

- The recipient will be chosen based on commitment to their education and athletics, as well as community service and impact to other people's lives.
- The student's race, gender, religion or family economic status is not a consideration.

Method of Selection:

- The Gilroy High School Common Application Form must be used. The application is due by Friday, March 6, 2026. The Financial Information of the application does **not** need to be completed. The Award Criteria will be evaluated and determined by the Tony Vigna Memorial Scholarship Award Committee, a volunteer committee consisting of family and coaches.
- Scholarship must be claimed by December 11, 2026 or be forfeited.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Completed GUSD Common Scholarship Application.
2. Three letters of recommendation: two letters from a teacher or counselor from GHS and one letter from a coach from one of GHS's teams.
3. A copy of the applicant's unofficial high school transcript.

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