

Greetings!

While many have been glued to their TVs watching their brackets explode during this season's college basketball "Dance," many others have had their eyes glued to grant and scholarship applications submitted to the Gilroy Foundation for consideration. Here's a behind-the-scenes look at the process.

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP READERS

Once the applications are submitted to the GF office--we are strict with the deadline!--stacks are prepared for the 6 volunteer readers, who shall remain anonymous. They serve a term of 3 years and their tenure is staggered to provide continuity. A date is set for the readers to come together for consensus.

The grant recipients are chosen and the amount of money distributed is 5% of the balance of our various funds (determined by the number of funds and the return on those funds.) This year, 66 grant requests totaling \$232,104.00 were submitted for consideration. Notifications to applicants will go out in early April and on April 26, grant recipients will come together to receive their checks during a brief ceremony at our Annual Meeting and Charitable Grants Presentation.

Overlapping a bit with grant reading is the reading of scholarship applications. There are 9 volunteer scholarship readers--also anonymous--who are chosen from our Boards of Directors, Emeritus Board and Ambassadors, as are the grant readers. Notification to students receiving the awards will be announced in April and May.

**Since 1982, the Gilroy Foundation has awarded
over \$6.4million in grants and scholarships!**

YOUTH BOARD GRANT AWARDED

Members of Gilroy Foundation's 25 student Gilroy Foundation Youth Board spent their March meeting reading over and discussing six grant applications, chosen from those submitted for consideration during the 2017 grant cycle.

Under the guidance of mentors, Gina Anderson, Kristin Bright, Sal Tomasello and Ericka Davis, students selected the nonprofit organization that will be the recipient of a \$1,000 grant that will be presented at the April 26 Annual Meeting and Charitable Grants Presentation. Find out more about the Gilroy Foundation Youth Board on our [website](#).



A VERY BUSY TIME FOR OUR GILROY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS!

We would like to send a HUGE shout out to the Gilroy Foundation Ambassadors who have worn many hats over the past few months. As grant and scholarship readers, they pored over documents for hours to determine who would receive these coveted awards. While doing Site Visits, they reached out to 2016 grantees over the last few months. These site visits told the first-hand story of how grant money was used and elicited emotional responses from both the Ambassador and grantee. Our 2017 Day in the Country Chair is Ambassador Matt Titus; many Ambassadors serve on DITC committees and meet frequently to help plan this annual event, our major fundraiser.

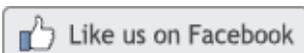
Thank you, Ambassadors, for your fine work and for sharing the story of Gilroy Foundation in our community!

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