



**GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM  
2018**

*Presented and Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime*

***INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS***

**PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM:**

In keeping with Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self" this Program will select the Goleta Teen of the Year and Finalists for the Goleta community, promote interest in and publicity for Goleta, and reward Goleta youths for their contributions to the Goleta community.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS: (See below for dates and other details.)**

1. Must be a Junior or Senior at Dos Pueblos, San Marcos, Bishop Diego Garcia High School, or Laguna Blanca School (or approved home school) and live within the 93110, 93111, 93117, or 93118 zip code areas.
2. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (**COPY** of your most recent report card required with application).
3. Must contribute to community organizations, such as school, service clubs, youth groups, church groups, or other non-profit organizations.
4. Must submit completed application as well as a copy of most recent report card and photo no later than **Friday, September 15, 2018**.
5. Must register as a user on the Goleta Teen of the Year website

**REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A FINALIST:**

1. Must present a brief program detailing community service
2. Must provide a letter of reference from a non-related adult
3. Must participate in Rotary's 2019 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Festival at Girsh Park, if possible.

**REQUIREMENT FOR ALL FINALISTS**

1. Must interview with a panel of judges
2. Must exhibit enthusiasm for continued community service and for serving as the Goleta Teen of the Year.
3. Must participate in all the activities and events throughout the program, unless excused.

**BENEFITS:** Finalists in the GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM will receive scholarship prizes as well as community recognition and privileges. Additionally, each Finalist will choose the non-profit organization of his/her choice to receive a monetary donation in the Finalist's name from the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime.

Becoming a Finalist in the Goleta Teen of the Year Community Service Award Program may be a feature on your resume for college applications.

**EXPECTATIONS OF THE GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR AND FINALISTS AFTER SELECTION:** We strongly encourage the Teen of the Year and the Finalists to participate in these Goleta events after the Program:

- Represent Goleta Teen of the Year at the annual Rotary Fireworks Festival, by participating in the State Street Parade and helping at the Rotary Fireworks Festival at Girsh Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Attend (as Rotary's guest) a Rotary lunch to speak briefly about yourself, your future plans, and your special charity.
- Participate in your school's Rotary- sponsored Interact Club, which is an on-campus club at local high schools that provides services to the local community.
- Occasional other local events.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

This Program is sponsored and organized by the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime, and much of the funding for each year's scholarships is earned from the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rotary Goleta Fireworks Festival at Girsh Park. Funding also depends upon donations from the community, the City of Goleta, the Goleta Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses.

**Welcome to the Goleta Teen of the Year Program!**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Applications due, with photo and letter of reference, report card, and signed documents. The letter of reference must be written by an adult who is not related to you. Example: supervisor at a non-profit where you volunteer, church leader, business leader, teacher, counselor.

Please choose an adult who knows you well and especially knows about your service to the community. **This Rotary Program is about service to others and we want your letter of reference to speak to that service as well as to your other related fine qualities.** Please make sure the person who is writing the letter understands this.

Please limit to one page.

The letter should include the following:

- The writer's name and contact information
- Your name
- How he/she knows you and for how long
- Why he/she considers you worthy of being selected Goleta Teen of the Year
- Why you would be a good representative of Goleta

## **THE DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL BE SET IN MAY, 2018**

**Selected Applicants will be invited** (via email) to present a brief program about their chosen area of community service to the Committee Members and other candidates. You have 3 weeks to prepare this brief presentation.

## **Participants present their programs and receive GTY tee shirts.**

Share with us a community project and/or organization within our community that you are passionate about and that you participate at. Tell us in a 3-4 minute speech, or video, song, rap, or other type of presentation describing this community service entity, what it means to you, and what it does for others. Sell it! Tell us why we might want to get involved in it! Tell us why our Rotary Club might want to support it, or why everyone in our community should help with it.

The medium you choose and how you promote it is up to you. Please feel free to be creative.

Let us know if you need any AV equipment, such as projector or screen. You may bring your own equipment.

**Notification of status as a Finalist or non-Finalist.**

All **FINALISTS** will be contacted **by phone**. All **NON-Finalists** will be contacted **via email** on the same day. Please check your voicemail and email on that day so you don't miss our call or message.

When **FINALISTS** are called, they will be asked for the following information:

1. Time slot preferred for your judging interview. (The caller will give you the choices of times.)
2. The name and address of the non-profit to which you would like a donation given in your name.

**All the FINALISTS will be interviewing with a panel of judges** at the Goleta Community Center. **You only need to be there for your interview, which will last about 15-20 minutes.**

You will schedule your time with the person who calls you to let you know you are a Finalist.

The judging panel will represent a cross-section of the Goleta community; such as government, business, education, youth, and service (Rotary).

All judges will receive a copy of your application and reference letter. Your interview will consist of questions based on information from your application and other general questions that the judges will ask of all the candidates. You can expect to be asked about your chosen community service organization. This will be another chance for you to "sell" your favorite charity.

Judging at the interview is based on character, maturity, resourcefulness, motivation, leadership attributes, quality of community involvement, poise, personality, speaking ability, grooming, and your enthusiasm and commitment to serving as Goleta Teen of the Year. **The judges' decisions are final.** They shall select a Runner-up and the Goleta Teen of the Year.

Grooming is important for the interview. Please dress as you would if you were applying for a job or representing the Goleta Valley as the GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR. If you have any questions about appropriate attire, please contact Connie Burns at [connieburns12@hotmail.com](mailto:connieburns12@hotmail.com) or at 698 1089

AWARD EVENT at Frog Bar and Grill Restaurant, at Glen Annie Golf Club, Glen Annie Road, Goleta.

At this Award event, the 2018 Goleta Teen of the Year will be named, and the Scholarship funds will be awarded to all the Finalists. Previous Goleta Teen of the Year, Layla Landeros will also be honored.

Parents of all Finalists are invited to attend this fun event!

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Connie Burns at [connieburns12@hotmail.com](mailto:connieburns12@hotmail.com), or at 698-1089 (cell)

WELCOME!