



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

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime



To: Goleta Teen of the Year Applicant

Welcome!

Below please find information about the Goleta Teen of the Year Community Service Award Program, including what is expected of you, and what you can expect from the Program.

If you participate, we expect that you will learn more about our amazing Goleta community, how outstanding Rotary International and the local Rotary Clubs are, and how YOU as an individual can make your community even better.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM: To select the Goleta Teen of the Year and Finalists for the Goleta community, to promote interest in and publicity for Goleta and for Rotary International, and to reward Goleta youths with financial scholarships as a reward for their contributions to the greater Goleta community.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:

Must be a Junior or Senior at a local high school (or approved home school) and live within the 93110, 93111, 93117, or 93118 zip code areas.

Must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (**COPY** of your most recent report card required with application).

Must contribute to community organizations, such as school, service clubs, youth groups, church groups, or other non-profit organizations or charity. Self directed contributions not tied to an organization are also welcome.

Must submit completed application as well as a copy of most recent report card no later than **Monday, September 23, 2019.**

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.

Participation 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 4th 2020.
- Attend (as Rotary's guest) a Rotary lunch in the spring 2020 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 provided from the annual Rotary Goleta Fireworks Festival at Girsh Park. Funding also depends upon donations from the community and local businesses

Welcome to the Goleta Teen of the Year Program!

TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT GTY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Please read more details for each activity below.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 Firm deadline.

Your application and a copy of your most recent report card are due to GTY Program, Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime, P.O. Box 164, Goleta 93116, or to connieburns12@hotmail.com, no later than 4:00 on Monday, September 23rd.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

The Goleta Teen of the Year Committee members will choose the **PARTICIPANTS** from among the Applicants. All Applicants will be notified as to their status on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019** via email.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019 Firm deadline.

1. **Essay** due (see details below.)
2. **Letter of Reference** due (See details below.)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019, "Mixer" at Alpha School, 4:00 – 6:00,
4501 Cathedral Oaks Road.**

See details below.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

2:00 – about 4:00, at the Goleta Union School District Board room, 401 N. Fairview, Goleta, (across from the Goleta Library)

1. **"120 PROMO MIXER"** Participants must attend and present their chosen charity or community service to the Committee and audience. (See details below.)
3. Participants will receive a Goleta Teen of the Year Program **tee shirt**.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

The **Finalists** will be chosen by the committee in the evening.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

FINALISTS will be notified of their status via *phone call* from a Committee Member.

NON-FINALISTS will be notified of their status *via email* from a Committee Member.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

Judging interviews of the FINALISTS at the Goleta Community Center on Hollister. Each Finalist will have a 15 minute interview with a panel of judges from the Goleta Community. See details below.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019

GTY Award Luncheon, 11:45 – 1:00 Frog Bar and Grill, at Glen Annie Golf Course
The GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR will be named at a luncheon hosted by the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime. Parents and close family members are invited to attend.

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 2020

We hope all Finalists will participate in the annual **ROTARY FIREWORKS FESTIVAL** by working at the GTY Novelties booth at Girsh Park after marching down State Street in the annual Santa Barbara State Street Parade. The GTY will be Assistant Emcee of the event in giving out raffle prizes and introducing the performers.

DETAILS OF IMPORTANT GTY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ESSAY

**Due no later than 4:00 on Friday, October 4, 2019, mailed to GTY Program, Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime, P.O. Box 164, Goleta, 93116, or emailed to connieburns12@hotmail.com
Firm deadline. No exceptions.**

Your essay, which will be an expansion of your “Promo” presentation, is for telling us more details about your chosen charity or community service choice. Please feel free to be creative.

Some sample ideas might be:

How could you improve on this charitable organization to make it better known to more people and get more people to support it? Why are you so passionate about this organization? What is its mission and goals? What have you and other gained from participating with this organization?

Feel free to elaborate and be creative!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please type your essay, 2 pages, double spaced, at a length of 250 - 750 words. Essays are judged on creativity, content, style, punctuation, spelling and grammar.

Please do **NOT** put it in a folder or hard cover. **Paper clip your essay** in the upper left corner. **DO NOT STAPLE.**

For any questions, contact Connie Burns by phone 805 698-1089 or by email at connieburns12@hotmail.com.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

**Due no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, October 4, 2019, to connieburns12@hotmail.com,
or to Goleta Teen of the Year, P.O. Box 164, Goleta, 93116
Firm deadline. No exceptions.**

Please provide a letter of reference for yourself, 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. (Note: at this time of year, your teachers and counselors are usually VERY busy!)

Please choose an adult who knows you well and especially about your service to the community. Your excellent grades, outstanding musical or sports talents, genius at mathematics and physics are all absolutely wonderful and they help make up the package which is you, **but 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 fine qualities.** Please make sure the person who is writing the letter understands this. You may want to provide a copy of this note to the person who is writing your letter of reference.

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 your community service involvement worthy of your being selected as Goleta Teen of the Year
- Why you would be a good representative of Goleta

Please limit to one page.

The **original** reference letter may be provided to us in one of 2 ways:

1. The letter of reference may be mailed to Goleta Teen of the Year, P. O. Box 164, Goleta, CA 93116
and must arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 4, 2019.
2. The person writing the letter of reference may email the letter directly to connieburns12@hotmail.com no later than 4:00 on October 4, 2019. **You** may not email the letter or forward the letter. **It must be emailed by the writer of the letter.**

ALPHA RESOURCE CENTER
Working with teens with developmental disabilities
Tuesday, October 8th, 4:00 – 6:00
Location: 4501 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara

We are planning a fun crafting and social event for the teens. This will be the 8th year of this event, and our past teen participants believe this is the most rewarding experience of the program. Come and have great fun with some other wonderful teens in our community.

PRESENTATIONS MIXER “120 PROMO”
FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019 2:00 – about 4:00 P.M.

GUSD Board room, 401 N. Fairview, across from the library

Share with us a Community project and/or organization within our community that you are passionate about. Tell us in a 2 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 let us know if you need any equipment, such as projector or screen, or something else. Or you may bring your own equipment.

Questions? Call Connie Burns at 805 698-1089.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS

Sunday, October 13th

The panel of Committee Members will meet after the Presentations Mixer to determine who the Finalists in the Program will be. Generally we choose 5 Finalists. The choice is based on Participants' community contributions (quality, not quantity), enthusiasm and participation in the events during the program, the essay, the letter of reference, and the personalities of the participants. The screening is as objective and impartial as possible, and it is *very difficult for us*, as you can imagine!

Occasionally, a participant has a relationship with a Committee member (son, daughter, niece, godson, etc.), and so, to maintain the integrity of the Program and to keep all judging completely fair, that Committee member removes him/herself from this selection portion of the Program.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS

Monday, October 14th

All **FINALISTS** will be contacted **by phone** on Monday, October 14th. 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 interview on Sunday evening, October 20th. (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, plus the name and phone number of the contact person at that organization.

On the Interview night, October 20th, please bring with you the names of your family members and guests who will be attending the Award Luncheon on Tuesday, October 22nd, so we can provide an attendance count to the Frog Restaurant.

FINALISTS' JUDGING INTERVIEWS
Sunday, October 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Goleta Valley Community Center

All the Finalists will be interviewing with the panel of judges the evening of Sunday, October 20th, starting at 6:00 pm, 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 on Monday, October 14.

It is imperative that you attend this interview with the judges. It is the *only* time all the judges will be convening for interviews.

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

All judges will receive a copy of your application, essay, and letter of reference. Your interview will consist of questions based on information from your application, essay, letter of reference, and other general questions that the judges will ask of all the candidates. You can expect to be asked about your community service. This will be another chance for you to expand on your contributions to the charity, and why you enjoy being involved with it.

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 will select a Runner-up and the Goleta Teen of the Year from among the Finalists..

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.

Past Finalists have found the interviewing process to be fun and very cordial. You will find it to be a great experience!

AWARD LUNCHEON
GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR 2019
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
Frog Bar and Grill, at Glen Annie Golf Course
11:45 – 1:00

The Finalists and their parents are invited to the Goleta Teen of the Year Award Luncheon as the guests of the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime.

Other family members and friends are very welcome, at the cost of \$20.00 each. Please let us know how many will be attending.

The Goleta Teen of the Year and Runner Up will be named at this event, and all Finalists will receive their scholarship money.

Dress is business attire.

Finalists' choices of non-profits will receive to receive a monetary gift from the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime in the Finalist's name.

SUMMARY OF JUDGING PROCEDURES

The Goleta Teen of the Year Community Service Award Program ["GTY"] requires the Teens to show their community spirit, tenacity, breadth and strength of character, team work, writing and speaking ability, giving and caring nature, poise, and presentation of self.

The GTY Committee is comprised of Rotarians and community volunteers representing a variety of local community leaders, businesses and personalities, for a broad well-rounded perspective. There is no compensation to any Committee members. The Committee has the authority and discretion in determining the criteria for the Program each year.

On September 23rd the Committee Members will choose Participants from among the Applicants.

On October 13, 2019, the Committee will choose Finalists from among the Participants, based on their application content, quality of community service, their reference letter, essay, and their overall suitability to serve as Goleta Teen of the Year. The Committee members score the applicants independently, the scores are tallied and the Finalists named. The Committee's selection of Finalists is final. The number of Finalists may vary from year to year (generally 5-7) depending on the proximity of the scores and the funds available for scholarship awards.

A separate panel of judges will then conduct an oral interview of each Finalist. The judges will evaluate and assess quality of community involvement, character, maturity, resourcefulness, motivation, leadership attributes, poise, personality, speaking ability, grooming, and enthusiasm and commitment to serving as Goleta Teen of the Year. **The judges' decisions are final.** The judges will select a Runner-up and the Goleta Teen of the Year.

The Judges typically include local elected officials, local business leaders, school officials, representatives from the Goleta non-profit sector, local personalities, and at-large community members. Normally, there are 4-6 judges, and the body of judges changes each year (although some individual judges serve for multiple years, because they enjoy it so much!).

The announcement and presentation of scholarships and prizes will be made at the final Award Ceremony on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at a regular luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime

All Finalists will be honored and receive scholarships and prizes from local businesses at the Award Ceremony.

GOLETA TEEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 2019

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