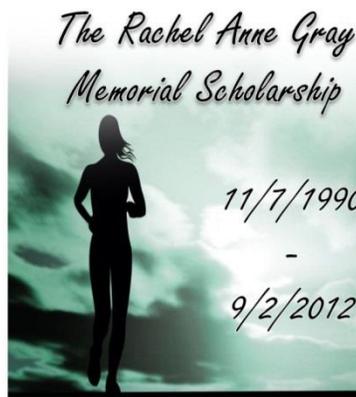


## The Rachel Anne Gray Memorial Scholarship

Thank you for applying for the **Rachel Anne Gray Memorial Scholarship Program**. The Scholarship was established in honor of Rachel Anne Gray who passed away September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at the age of 21. Rachel was a resident of Fair Oaks and a member of the Fair Oaks Youth Advisory Board (FOYAB) from 2006 through 2008. Rachel graduated from Bella Vista High School (Fair Oaks) in 2008 and received her degree in International Business from California State University, Sacramento. Rachel was a valued member of the Fair Oaks community, who made a huge impact on young leaders, the community and the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District staff. Rachel enjoyed being outside, working with the community, and living life to its fullest each day.



Three awards, in the amount of \$1,500, \$1,000, & \$500 are given annually to deserving high school Juniors or Seniors. The Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) and the Fair Oaks Youth Advisory Board is proud to host this scholarship program to acknowledge those young people who are committed to community and school service and who seek positive solutions to critical problems and issues today's young people face. This scholarship is based on service to the community and personal achievement and not on need or academic achievement, although we require a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

**Please submit your application materials by Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 5:00pm to**

Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District  
Attention: Rachel Anne Gray Memorial Scholarship  
4150 Temescal Street, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

### Important Dates:

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| 01/27/2017 | Application materials due by 5:00pm   |
| 01/31/2017 | Applicants selected for interviews & speech presentations   |
| 02/03/2017 | Applicants are contacted to schedule interviews & speech presentations  |
| 02/09/2017 | Interviews & speech presentations   |
|            | <b>*Please note: interviews will only be held on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>  |
| 02/10/2017 | Scholarship winners selected and notified   |
| 02/24/2017 | Rachel Anne Gray Memorial Scholarship - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser<br>Scholarship winners presented with awards & checks. <b>*Scholarship winners are required to attend</b> |

### To be eligible, each applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be one or more of the following:
  - a. Resident of Fair Oaks (95628 zip code)
  - b. Current Fair Oaks Youth Advisory Board (FOYAB) member
  - c. Attend a High School in Fair Oaks (Bella Vista or Del Campo)
2. Must be a current Junior or Senior in High School
3. Must have a 3.0 GPA cumulative or higher

### Application Procedure:

1. Submit a completed application
2. Submit a copy of your most recent transcripts for GPA verification
3. Submit a letter of recommendation
  - a. Letter cannot be written by a family member or members of the selection committee
4. Submit three (3) hard copies of your speech and one electronic version of your speech
  - a. Electronic versions must be in PDF format on a CD or flash drive
  - b. Speech must be a minimum of 500 words

**Please note: all application materials must be submitted together, at one time.**

**The Rachel Anne Gray Memorial Scholarship**  
**2017 Application & Speech Presentation Details**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Junior Senior

**Applicant Bio**

Please complete sections one and two below and include with your speech as one complete document (written report form). Each of the selected interview applicants will be asked to attend an oral interview where you will be asked to perform your speech/presentation (written report) to the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will also ask a series of questions prior to the completion of your presentation. If selected, you will be notified of your interview date and time.

**Section 1: Bio Questions**

1. Please provide a brief description of your leadership, volunteer, self-initiated community service activities and school service activities.
2. What have you learned from your Community/School Service and/or leadership experiences?
3. Do you feel that volunteer service has a greater impact on the community, or on the person doing the volunteering? Explain.

**Section 2: Speech Presentation Details**

"The marathon's about being in contention over the last 10K. That's when it's about what you have in your core. You have run all the strength, all the superficial fitness out of yourself, and it really comes down to what's left inside you. To be able to draw deep and pull something out of yourself is one of the most tremendous things about the marathon."

-Rob de Castella

**Develop a speech that describes your "marathon path" in terms of a time in your life where you had to draw deep and pull something out of yourself to accomplish a goal or overcome an obstacle. Don't over think it; your marathon can be any moment in your life that was challenging to overcome and to persevere.**

***All information provided on this form is subject to verification.  
False or inaccurate applications will be disqualified.***

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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