



# **The Dante Club of Sacramento** **Student Scholarship Application Packet**



## **Eligibility Requirements and General Information**

- Applicants must be a **graduating high school senior and be of Italian descent** whose parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt or uncle is a member of the Dante Club or Dante Club Auxiliary in good standing.
- Successful applicants or their respective accredited college, university, or vocational educational institution must provide verification of enrollment at an accredited college, university, or vocational educational institution prior to funds being dispersed. Any major or course of study will be considered.
- Applicants are solely responsible for all matters related to this application. All requested documentation must be provided as detailed on the checklist below. Any documentation provided subsequent to the initial application must include the student's full name and be addressed in care of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the accredited college, university, or vocational educational institution on behalf of the successful applicant. Funds may be used for one or any combination of the following: tuition, fees, books, supplies, and/or room and board.

- Scholarship applications will be accepted **January 1 through March 31** of each year. Scholarships will be awarded in the Spring/Summer of the same year. Total number of scholarships awarded and denomination will vary depending on funds available. All qualified applicants are invited to apply. An award may be up to \$1,500 per successful applicant.
- **Application Requirements**
  - ✓ Completed (**including all required signatures**) Dante Club application form. **Required signatures are: Student and a parent.**
  - ✓ Two letters of recommendation (from non-family members).
  - ✓ High school or current educational institution transcript covering entire enrollment period.
  - ✓ Two-page personal essay detailing educational and career objectives, past or current extracurricular activities (including but not limited to volunteer and community service, scholastic organizations and clubs, civic organizations and clubs, student government and other leadership positions, sports, etc.) personal and economic challenges, honors and awards received, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. Also list all scholarship names and amounts for which you have applied for and received.
  - ✓ Note: Panel interviews may be required of potential scholarship finalists.

**Applications and required documents must be submitted electronically to the Scholarship Committee at [danteclubscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:danteclubscholarship@gmail.com) between January 1 and March 31.**

*Please be advised that while not required for application submittal, funds will not be dispersed on behalf of successful applicants prior to receipt of a copy of letter of acceptance AND completed verification of enrollment form from the specific accredited college, university, or vocational institution applied to/enrolled in. Successful applicants are solely responsible for providing such documentation to the Dante Club Scholarship Committee.*

*Prior successful applicants are not eligible to re-apply for a scholarship in subsequent years.*

### **Scholarship Committee**

- A Scholarship Committee comprised of Dante Club Board of Director members, members at large, and/or members of the Dante Club Auxiliary will select successful applicants. In general, the Scholarship Committee will be chaired by one Board of Director member. The Scholarship Committee will meet periodically to review scholarship funds available, as well as to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded for the upcoming year. The Scholarship Committee will meet within 30 days of the required application submittal deadline to review submitted application packets, select successful applicants and award scholarships for the year. Successful applicants will be honored at a subsequent general membership meeting.

### **Selection Criteria**

- All application packets will first be screened for completeness.
- Successful applicants will be based on high school educational success (GPA, honors, awards, etc.), all elements of the personal essay (educational and career goals, leadership, extracurricular activities, personal and economic challenges and whether not they have been overcome, etc.), and, if necessary, a panel interview. These areas will be weighted and scored.

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### **Application Deadlines and Award Dates**

**Application Due Date: March 31 of each year.**

**Anticipated Award Selection Date: Spring/Summer of each year.**

### **Scoring Criteria**

**The following categories will be included in the evaluation of the application.**

Personal Essay

High School. GPA

High School Honors and Awards

Leadership Roles/Student Gov.

Extracurricular Activities

-Volunteer/Community Service

-High School Organizations/Clubs

-Civic Organizations/Clubs

-Sports

-Other/Miscellaneous

Economic Need

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***Note: GPA scoring is objective; all other scoring categories are subjective (personal essay will influence subjective scoring in all non-GPA categories).***

# Scholarship Application Form

## Personal Information

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State/Zip:	
Telephone:	Home:	Cell:	
Email:			
School currently attending			
Applicant's age			
Relationship to Dante Club or Auxiliary			
Name of Person Related to			

## Educational Information

Name of institution planning to attend:	
Major or course work:	
Address of Institution	
City:	State:
Telephone:	
Website:	

## Educational and Extracurricular History (List here AND describe in detail within essay.)

**Use additional sheets as necessary**

<b>Academic Accomplishments</b> , such as: Current High School G.P.A. High School Honors and Awards	
<b>Extracurricular Accomplishments</b> , such as: High School Organizations and Clubs, Civic Organizations and Clubs, Student Government, Sports, Volunteer/Community Service Organizations, Other Extracurricular Activities	
<b>Economic Need</b> , Please specify your need and how this scholarship will assist in your success.	

Student Signature: <b>(Required)</b>		Parent/Guardian Signature: <b>(Required)</b>	
Counselor Name (print) <b>(optional)</b>		Counselor Signature: <b>(Optional)</b>	
Principal Name (print) <b>(optional)</b>		Principal Signature: <b>(Optional)</b>	