

The Dante Club of Sacramento

Student Scholarship Application Packet

Eligibility Requirements and General Information

- Applicants must be a **graduating high school senior or be currently enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational educational institution 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 students full name and be addressed in care of the Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the successful applicant with receipts documenting funds expended by the successful applicant to the respective accredited the college, university, or vocational institution. Scholarship funds may also 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. It is the intent to award a scholarship to a minimum of one male and one female applicant per year (depending on applicant qualifications). Minimum award will be \$2,000 per successful applicant.

Application Requirements

- ✓ Completed (**including all required signatures**) Dante Club application form.
- ✓ 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.), honors and awards received, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
- ✓ Note: Panel interviews may be required of potential scholarship finalists.

Mail completed application packet to: **The Dante Club**
 c/o Dante Club Scholarship Committee
 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard
 Sacramento, CA 95825

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 three to five 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 at least once quarterly to review scholarship funds available, as well as to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded for the upcoming year. Additionally, the Scholarship Committee will meet at least once annually 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 or college educational success (GPA, honors, awards, etc.), all elements of the personal essay (educational and career goals, leadership, extracurricular activities, etc.), and, if necessary, a panel interview. These areas will be weighted and scored independently in accordance with the attached scoring matrix.

Application Deadlines and Award Dates

Application Due Date: March 31 of each year.

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

Scoring Distribution

| Category | | Total Possible Points |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| H.S. or College GPA | = | 25 points |
| H.S. or College Honors and Awards | = | 25 points |
| Leadership Roles/Student Gov. | = | 25 points |
| Extracurricular Activities -Volunteer/Community Service -H.S. or College Organizations/Clubs -Civic Organizations/Clubs -Sports -Other/Miscellaneous | = | 25 points |
| Total | = | 100 points |
| Panel Interview (if necessary) | = | Up to 10 add'l. pts. |

| GPA Scoring | | Total Possible Points |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 3.00 – 3.19 | = | 5 points |
| 3.20 – 3.39 | = | 10 points |
| 3.40 – 3.59 | = | 15 points |
| 3.60 – 3.79 | = | 20 points |
| 3.80 – 4.00 | = | 25 points |

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

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|--|-------|------------------|-------|
| Name: | | | |
| School: | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| City: | | State/Zip: | |
| Telephone: | Home: | | Cell: |
| Email: | | Web/Social | |
| Relationship to Dante Club or Auxiliary (Individual's Name): | | Network Address: | |

Educational Information

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

Educational and Extracurricular History (list here and describe in detail within essay) Use additional sheets as necessary

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|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Current H.S. or College G.P.A. | | Average H.S. or College G.P.A. | |
| H.S. or College Honors and Awards | | | |
| H.S. or College Organizations and Clubs | | | |
| Civic Organizations and Clubs | | | |
| Student Government | | | |
| Sports | | | |
| Volunteer/Community Service Organizations | | | |
| Other Extracurricular Activities | | | |

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| Student Signature: | | Parent/Guardian Signature: | |
| Counselor Name (print): | | Counselor Signature: | |
| Principal Name (print): | | Principal Signature: | |

Scholarship Application Scoring Form

Date Application Received: _____

Application Complete Y/N? _____

Outstanding Documentation: _____

Scoring Summary

| Category | | Total Points |
|---|---|------------------------|
| H.S. or College GPA | = | pts. / 25 pts. |
| H.S. or College Honors and Awards | = | pts. / 25 pts. |
| Leadership Roles/Student Gov. | = | pts. / 25 pts. |
| Extracurricular Activities -Volunteer/Community Service -H.S. or College Organizations/Clubs -Civic Organizations/Clubs -Sports -Other/Miscellaneous | = | pts. / 25 pts. |
| Subtotal | = | pts. / 100 pts. |
| Panel Interview (if necessary) | = | pts. / 10 pts. |
| Total | = | pts. / pts. |

Comments: _____

Final Ranking Among Applicants
(based on point system scoring above): _____ out of _____

Scholarship Committee Recommendation: _____