

# **G.R.I.N.**

## **GRANDPARENTS & RELATIVES IN NEED**

### Mission Statement

It is the mission of Grandparents & Relatives In Need (GRIN) to provide support to grandparents, relative caregivers and non-related caregivers to ensure that the children they care for are provided permanence, connection to needed services, maintain healthy connections and have the ability to thrive to become successful in adulthood and parenthood.

### Vision Statement

It is the Vision of Grandparents & Relatives In Need (GRIN) to provide programs, services and support that meet the urgent and ongoing needs of grandparents and other relatives raising children at risk or not provided the ability to flourish and thrive.

The following objectives support GRIN's mission and vision statements:

To inform and educate the community that grandparents are historical, spiritual, and foundational pillars of most families. Support and enhance grandparents and relative/non-relative caregiver's efforts to prevent children from entering foster care.

Create and sustain an organization that is run and directed by current and former grandparent and relative/non-relative caregivers to include membership, an executive team and a board of appointed directors.

Forge strong and lasting alliances with agencies, organizations and individuals who desire to serve the grandparent and relative/non-relative caregiver and connect families to needed services in the community so children can thrive. This includes direct and linked services to meet the needs of the entire family unit.

Facilitate, secure and provide trainings, offline or virtual, for grandparents and other relative/non-relative caregivers aimed at identifying the needs of children of all ages to thrive and develop into nurturing, caring, and responsible adults.

Help foster the relationship between the child and biological parents through reunification; and if reunification is not possible, preserve the past and existing relationship in an appropriate and healthy manner for the sake of the child(ren).

Create a financially self-sufficient non-profit through means of donation, fundraising and grant writing to sustain and maintain a one-stop shop (free of charge), community based programs, services and family-centered social activities for grandparents and relative/non-relative caregivers and children.

Local, state and nationwide advocacy at all levels of government and a grassroots approach to enhancing the rights and concerns of adult caregivers and the youth for which they are responsible in caring for.

Serve as an advisory body to political, judicial, legal and community-based entities that are tasked with protecting and preserving the grandparent and relative/non-relative caregiver's journey in raising a child.

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**JOSE ESCARSEGA SCHOLARSHIP**

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must demonstrate residency with a grandparent at any part of high school years, or significant relationship with a grandparent that impacted academic and personal success. The applicant must be a male or female high school senior living and attending school in Solano County and Winters (including Wolfskill High School); and graduating by June 2017. The applicant will have an opportunity to demonstrate academic, athletic, community endeavors.

***Award Components:***

1. \$500 scholarship and individual certificate awarded to the high school graduating senior student(s) selected by a panel of designated volunteers. The availability of more than one scholarship will be based on funding.
2. A \$500 check will be awarded to the selected student(s) prior to the Fall Academic year, upon evidence of enrollment and registration at an accredited post-secondary institution.
3. The Jose Escarsega scholarship recipient will be honored through various media personal formats.

***Criteria:***

1. Applicant must complete scholarship application and submit all requested documents and information by the deadline.
2. Applicant must be seeking a degree from an accredited two-year or four-year academic institution by fall 2017.
3. Applicant should demonstrate outstanding service to his school, community, and family.
4. Applicant must show residency with a grandparent or demonstrate how their relationship with their grandparent positively impacted their life and success.

## JOSE ESCARSEGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTION

### ***INSTRUCTIONS:***

Please complete this form and return to the address at the bottom of this application no later than along with the requested documents no later than July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### ***BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:***

NAME: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_ (Confidential)

SOURCE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_ (Verification may be required)

### ***EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:***

HIGH SCHOOL (Within Solano County & Winters HS):  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL CUMULATIVE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGES APPLIED TO: (Please provide names): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) OF FORMAL/INFORMAL CARETAKER AND RELATIONSHIP:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS** (Utilized separate sheets and attachments, which should be included in entire scholarship packet):

- 1) Professional and personal statement:  
Provide a brief statement of your professional and personal goals and aspirations. Should not be more than one page in length.
- 2) List all academic, athletic and community participation.
- 3) List all academic, athletic and community honors/awards.
- 4) Professional Resume
- 5) Two (2) letters of professional recommendation from the following: High school teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's achievements and philanthropy. Letters written by school personnel should be on school letterhead.
- 6) A complete, official, school-issued high school transcript of grades. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted while the student is awaiting copies of official ones.
- 7) A copy of your diploma/graduation certificate (submitted once received).
- 8) A stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- 9) Verification of enrollment and/or schedule of classes for the fall semester of a copy of an acceptance letter from an approved college or university.
- 10) Verification/documentation of twelve month residency with grandparent or caretaker (non-parent).

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**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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***SCHOLARSHIP PACKET CHECKLIST:***

Please mail completed application along with other required documents to:  
Grandparents & Relatives In Need (GRIN)  
Attn: Noel Vargas  
P.O. Box 2122  
Vacaville, CA 95687  
Office: 707.416.5436

You may send application via certified mail, but this is not required. If you wish acknowledgement of our receipt of your completed application, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

A. Completed scholarship application.

B. Two (2) letters of professional recommendation from the following: High school teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's achievements and philanthropy. Letters written by school personnel should be on school letterhead.

C. A complete, official, school-issued high school transcript of grades. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted while the student is awaiting copies of official ones.

D. A copy of your diploma/graduation certificate (submitted once received).

E. Resume

F. Personal statement regarding goals and aspirations.

F. A stamped, self-addressed envelope.

G. Verification of enrollment and/or schedule of classes for the fall semester of a copy of an acceptance letter from an approved college or university.