General Information

The Award: The Kiwanis Irish John Gore Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one Conejo Valley Unified School District high school senior who intends to pursue a career in journalism.

Stipend: This is a one-year scholarship of $500.00

Use of Scholarship: This scholarship shall be used for tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses of the recipients to further their academic career in a journalism related field.

Application: Application blanks are available at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Website at www.tokiwanis.org. Application must be received or postmarked no later than 5 PM on the third Friday of March.

1. This scholarship is open to:
   a. Students who wish to attend a trade, technical, or specialized school
   b. Students who wish to attain a Baccalaureate degree
   c. Students who wish to attain an Associate Degree
2. Students who have a weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher

Eligibility:

1. Only complete applications received or postmarked prior to 5 PM on the third Friday of March are eligible.
2. The student must have demonstrated a commitment to pursue a career in journalism.
3. The student must have demonstrated a commitment to community service.

Selection:
The final decision of awards will be made by the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks, Irish John Gore Scholarship Committee. Selection will be made primarily on the basis of a passion for journalism, writing samples, and involvement in community service.

Presentation of Award:
Recipients will be notified by email and will be presented their award at a regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks.
Applicant Responsibility Check-off Form

- Knowledge of deadline.
- Give the Letter of Recommendation form and return envelope to a staff member or teacher of your choice. Request that they complete the letter with the needed information. It is your responsibility to retrieve it and include it with your application.
- Ensure application is complete.
- Please enclose 3 work samples. These may be print articles (reduced to 8 ½ by 11 size) or multimedia stories on a CD or DVD.
- Complete the CGPA and Personal Statements.
- Mail Application Packet with Recommendation Letter and required documentation to:

  Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks
  Irish John Gore Memorial Scholarship Committee
  P.O. Box 1791
  Thousand Oaks, CA 91358

For questions about this application or its status, please contact a scholarship committee person at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks by emailing gossitt@gmail.com
Applicant Information

Name ___________________________ ___________________________ ____________________
First Last M.I.

Address

_______________________________ ______________________________
Street City

Zip

E-mail_____________________________Phone # _______________________

Name of parent or guardian: ________________________________

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / ______ Gender - M F

Name of High School: ________________________________

Further training or education plans for next school year:

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By signing this document, you confirm the accuracy of your completed form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this award.

_________________________________________ _____________
Signature Date
Cumulative Grade Point Average and Personal Responses

Name: ____________________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average (Please attach school documentation of the CGPA)
CGPA_______Date__________

Personal Responses
Please write a paragraph on each of these topics. Please attach each paragraph on a separate page with no answer being more than a single page long.
1. What are your plans for further education as soon as you graduate?
2. "Why I Wish to Pursue a Career in Journalism"
3. Describe how you have been involved in community service.

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Irish John Gore who distinguished himself as a member of many organizations, one of which was the Thousand Oaks Kiwanis.

Irish John was born in Bangor, Northern Ireland in 1936. He immigrated to Redondo Beach in the U.S. in 1963 and became a Naturalized American Citizen in 1977. He is a 34-year Kiwanian with the Thousand Oaks Club, is a Past Lt. Governor for Division 42 and was the first two-year Trustee for Region 10 in 2004. He started his writing career in Bangor, Northern Ireland writing a column for teenagers. He worked for a South Bay Newspaper until he moved to Thousand Oaks and was composing room foreman for the News Chronicle and wrote a soccer column for them. While working for the Hollywood Reporter, he was a Country and Western music critic. He retired from show business trade newspaper The Hollywood Reporter in 1999 after 41 years in the media business.

Irish John was a legend in the Conejo Valley. He was grand marshal in 1983, chair of Conejo Valley Days, Ventura County’s Man of the Year in 1984, Patrick Henry Medal winner, Don Triunfo for the Conejo Valley Historical Society, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis award for outstanding community service, King of the Mardi Gras Ball for Community Conscience Board. In 2014, the Thousand Oaks Rotary honored him with the Paul Harris Fellow Award. The Ventura County Star honored him as one of 25 over 50 people who have given community service. He was devoted to the Thousand Oaks Kiwanis and served as president, lieutenant governor for Division 42 and three-year trustee for Region 10.
Letter of Recommendation Instructions for
Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks
Irish John Gore Memorial Journalism Scholarship

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, ________________________________, is applying for a Kiwanis Irish John Gore Memorial Journalism Scholarship in the amount of $500.00. The award is based on the applicant’s interest and involvement in journalism of which he or she has already listed as part of the application process.

What can you share with us about this student’s leadership qualities, citizenship, behavior, helpful attitude, and personality traits? What community and school activities have he or she been involved with? How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

Please write your response, including your name and position. Seal the envelope and return to the applicant. Their application must be postmarked by the third Friday in March.

Thank you for your time and your assistance in this process.

Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks
Irish John Gore Memorial Journalism Scholarship Committee