



## INTENT & PURPOSE

The Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras, Inc., is a non-profit organization, chartered in 1980. The event is a fully volunteer organization with no full or part time staff. The expressed objective of the event is to generate funds to provide scholarships for area youth for the continuation of their education. Many local non profit organizations also participate in the event. Funds they raise are used to support their programs.

The Annual Mushroom Mardi Gras is held on Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend in May. The event is held at the Downtown Community Center Amphitheater and Depot Street. The Board of Directors has established an endowment scholarship fund. Any donations made expressly for the scholarship fund goes directly to that account.

For more information, please contact the Mardi Gras office at 408.778.1786.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Over \$600,000.00 has been awarded since the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras was chartered in 1980.

An endowment fund has been established. Donations specified for Scholarships are directed to that fund.

South Valley Bank handles the Scholarship funds.

### SCHOLARSHIP FACILITATION

Scholarship applications are available to any graduating senior living within the geographical boundaries of Morgan Hill Unified School District. This district has the largest loading area in the state. The boundaries go from Gilroy in the south, include San Martin and go into south San Jose and into Almaden Valley.

The scholarships are open to public and private school students including students of Central High. Community Adult Education students also have the opportunity to apply for funds towards their undergraduate degree.

Notification of the availability of the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras scholarship applications goes to all counseling staff at Morgan Hill Unified School District high school and is also advertised in the Morgan Hill Times for any private school students.

Application due date is Wednesday, April 4th. Deliver completed application to 224 Tennant Station or 305 Vineyard Town Cntr., PMB #184. After applications are screened by a review committee, finalists are notified and interview appointments are arranged.

The scholarship recipients are notified and presented with a certificate.

Scholarship recipients may participate at the Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival by acting as Goodwill Ambassadors at the Hospitality and Information Booths and by volunteering their time during set up and break down of the festival.

Recipients may collect their monies at William Brown, Attorney at Law's office in Morgan Hill by presenting receipts confirming enrollment and expenses at school.