

Rhododendron Youth Ambassador Program

The Greater Eureka Chamber Rhododendron Youth Ambassador Program is a scholarship competition pairing high school juniors with community minded business sponsors. The program objectives are to inspire a commitment to community service, introduce students to the local business community and to provide scholarships to college-bound students.

Each year up to twenty-five high school juniors are selected from among those recommended by area high school counselors. Participating Chamber member businesses sponsor these Youth Ambassadors. While scholastic achievement is an important consideration, other qualifications are also taken into account such as community involvement, leadership, unique accomplishments, personal goals and aspirations and the ability overcome barriers and obstacles.



The scholarship recipients for 2018 are 3rd Place - Hadlie Ward of McKinleyville High School who received a \$750 scholarship and was sponsored by SHN Consulting Engineers and Geologists; the second place scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to McKinleyville's Sebastian Reyes, sponsored by O & M Industries; and **the first place scholarship of \$3,000 went to Mariela Rodriguez-Campos of Ferndale High, who is sponsored by the Times Standard.** The Most Inspirational Award \$500 scholarship, which is decided among the participants, was given to Josey Clancy of McKinleyville High School.