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## **National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships**

### ***Jack Gros Awarded \$5,000 College Scholarship***

**Rociada, NM** – Jack Gros from Oakland, CA has been awarded the \$5000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to Corpus Christi Catholic Church in the Diocese of Oakland and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 6, in the Piedmont Council. This year NCCS awarded 10 college scholarships totaling \$27,000 nationwide to recognize Scouts for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: Church, community, school and Scouting.

Gros truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, *“One of the most integral things in my life is service and I credit Scouts for this awareness of the impact we can make through service to people, to our community, and to our environment.”*

In service to the Catholic Church, Gros earned two of the religious emblems offered by NCCS and serves as an altar server, usher and retreat leader at his parish. He is a member of the Church Liturgical Environment Ministry and was awarded the Sophie Corder Service Award for service to his parish.

Passionate about community service, Gros has volunteered countless hours, supporting those less fortunate by preparing and providing food through Alameda County Food Bank, Scouting for Food, St. Mary’s Center and the Mercy Brown Bag Program. Also deeply committed to protecting the environment, he volunteers with organizations such as Friends of Sausal Creek, Coastal Cleanup and Yosemite National Park Service. Gros has served over 500 hours as a Youth Camp Counselor at various camps and performed camp maintenance at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

At Bishop O’Dowd High School, Gros is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Outdoor Club and a member of the Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team. Throughout his high school years, he has played varsity sports including golf, football and rugby. Gros has received numerous awards including a Presidential Scholarship and 201 Service Award, awarded to students who have engaged in more than 200 hours of community service. He is on

the President's List and participated in the Arrupe Leadership Summit sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network, a Catholic organization that advocates for social justice.

In Scouting, Gros has served numerous leadership positions including Troop Guide, Quartermaster, Den Chief, Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA), BSA's honor society, served on OA staff and received the OA Founder's Award and Vigil Honor. He was a crew leader at Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base and Northern Tier High Adventure. His Eagle Scout project included building without the use of power tools per city regulations, a 160-foot-long split rail fence for Friends of Sausal Creek in his hometown of Oakland. The fence protects the natural ecosystem of Sausal Creek by providing a barrier between the trail and the creek which is the habitat for trout considered genetically pure. Through this project, Gros developed a documented process for Friends of Sausal Creek with the city of Oakland to approve fence projects. He met with staff in many different city departments and presented his plan to the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to receive approval for the process.

To be eligible to apply for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Scholarships, the Scout must be Catholic, earned the Ad Altare Dei and/ or Pope Pius XII Awards and received either the Eagle Scout, Summit or Quartermaster Award. A complete list of award recipients, eligibility requirements and applications can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>. NCCS Scholarship recipients have been chosen because they are committed to making a difference for good in the world through service and leadership.

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**For more information on NCCS Scholarships and Catholic Scouting:**

NCCS Website: <https://nccs-bsa.org/>

NCCS Scholarship Page: <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>

Catholic Scouting Website affiliated with NCCS: <https://catholicscouting.com>