



**Mission and Vision Statement**

Shifting Gears USA envisions a community where automobile culture is an important social value, vocational careers are a highly rewarding professional path, and the talent for a variety of trade jobs is available to local businesses. Our Mission, as a car enthusiasts' organization, is to develop, enhance and support vocational training for young people of Marin County by advancing technical education programs that provide a pathway to successful careers in today's workplace.



Trade Schools are important because they provide specialized, hand-on training that prepares students for high-demand careers in skilled trades, allowing them to enter the workforce more quickly and cost effectively than most traditional colleges.

Trade schools provide students with an alternative to four-year college programs. Lower tuition costs and shorter degree pathways are benefits of trade schools.

Career-focused, practical training can help trade school students pursue in-demand jobs. Some career and educational options may be limited for trade school graduates.

Help support Shifting Gears USA offer high school students the opportunity to learn a skilled trade.



For more information, go to:  
[www.shiftinggearsusa.com](http://www.shiftinggearsusa.com)



Shifting Gears USA was founded in 2012, as a car rally group raising money for a number of local non-profit organizations.

We were proud to donate to the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation, Roots for Peace, Suicide Prevention, and Beyond Differences. We realized a need within our own car hobby and in the Fall of 2018, we started a class called CAPP (Car Appreciation and Preservation Program). The class is open to all High School students in Marin County.



**WHAT WE DO AND WHO WE SERVE**

We direct our charitable giving back into the community, helping to build awareness and respect for skilled trade career choices. Our goal is to fund skilled trade education for Marin students and to develop and establish vocational pathways. We're helping to build a new generation of skilled tradespeople by creating career opportunities for Marin students seeking skilled trade education as an alternative path to a rewarding career.

A hands-on experience through internships in the automotive technology and vocational services fields will allow the students a real-world experience to determine their future career choice.



## CAPP Overview

There are four semester classes: engine rebuilding, automatic and manual transmissions, carburetors and fuel systems, and brakes and rear ends. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday night from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Each semester there are field trips to different locations. They include visits to (CHP) California Highway Patrol), Sonoma Raceway for the Classic Sports Racing Group (CSRG) with 200 Vintage Race Cars. Crash Champions of San Rafael provides a “hands on” class in dent repair, priming and painting.



## THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO HELP

### 1- MAKE A donation to CAPP

The goal is to expand CAPP to other schools within Marin County for students interested in perusing a career in vocational education.

OR

### 2 - SPONSOR A Shifting Gears USA SCHOLAR

Shifting Gears USA awards scholarships to aspiring technicians to help them learn the skills needed to begin their career. Students receive up to \$2,500 per school year to help pay tuition costs at an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational-technical school.

This scholarship award will be sent directly to the school the recipient designates for undergraduate study only. Students may apply in each scholarship period they are eligible. A student may apply for, and receive, scholarship awards for up to two years.

### If you would like to Sponsor a “Scholarship” or make a donation to “CAPP”:

Make a check Payable to **Shifting Gears USA** with either “Scholarship” or “CAPP” in memo line of the check.

Both donations are tax-deductible.

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The Board of Shifting Gears is a civic-minded organization believing in career technical education, primarily in the automotive industry for high school students.

**Shifting Gears USA** produces an annual car rally in California catering to vehicles pre-1972, or sport or exotic, with the proceeds supporting CAPP to encourage vocational careers.

