

# **SAN BRUNO**

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## Community Foundation

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**WITH SUPPORT FROM THE JOSEPH W WELCH JR FOUNDATION,  
SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES  
2022 CRESTMOOR SCHOLARSHIP**

***San Bruno Students Will Receive College Scholarships Totaling \$190,000***

**San Bruno, California, December 7, 2021** – For the seventh year, the San Bruno Community Foundation will offer multi-year college scholarships to outstanding San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community through the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship. With support from the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation, SBCF plans to award scholarships totaling \$190,000 to students planning to enroll in community college or four-year institutions in the fall of 2022.

SBCF primarily funds the Crestmoor Scholarship using investment proceeds from the restitution funds that resulted from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. For the third year, the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation is generously donating \$70,000 to SBCF to support the Crestmoor Scholarship program.

“With the Crestmoor Scholarship, the San Bruno Community Foundation both recognizes impressive scholars committed to giving back to the San Bruno community and pays tribute to the Crestmoor neighborhood and the community members who suffered through the devastating explosion 11 years ago,” said Emily Roberts, the Foundation’s President. “We are grateful for the generous support from the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation, which allows us to help engaged San Bruno students obtain a college education.”

“For the third year, the Welch family is proud to partner with the San Bruno Community Foundation to invest in outstanding San Bruno students,” said Whitney Welch. “We know our grandfather, Joseph W. Welch, Jr., would support this opportunity to give back to the community by helping deserving students pursue their dreams of attending college.”

The dual goals of the Crestmoor Scholarship are to invest in San Bruno students who have been actively engaged in the community and to honor the community members who most directly endured the destruction of the 2010 gas pipeline explosion, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives in the disaster. The Scholarship Program ensures that the tragedy of September 9, 2010, is not forgotten and that the resiliency, teamwork, leadership, and commitment to community displayed throughout San Bruno in the aftermath of the explosion and fire are honored in the annual recipients of the Scholarship. Since 2016, SBCF has awarded Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$845,000 to 59 impressive San Bruno students.

SBCF offers three categories of Crestmoor Scholarships:

- For graduating high school seniors who will enroll at a four-year college or university: \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 per year for up to four years)
- For graduating high school seniors who will enroll at a community college: \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year for up to two years)

- For community college students transferring to a four-year college or university:  
\$10,000 scholarship (\$5,000 per year for up to two years)

Applicants must currently live in San Bruno or attend a high school or community college located in San Bruno.

The Scholarship Program seeks applicants who, first and foremost, demonstrate deep engagement and involvement in the San Bruno community through exemplary leadership, teamwork, and collaboration. An applicant's financial need, academic record, and extracurricular activities will also be considered in the selection process.

San Bruno students can apply for the Crestmoor Scholarship through an online application, which is posted at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org). The Scholarship deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. SBCF will recognize the 2022 Crestmoor Scholars at its June 1, 2022, Board meeting. Additional information about the Scholarship Program can be found on the SBCF website at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org).

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, the SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits. For more information, visit [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org).

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