

# **SAN BRUNO**

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## **Community Foundation**

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### **SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES CRESTMoor NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*Foundation Invests \$100,000 in Outstanding and Engaged San Bruno  
High School and Community College Students Headed to College*

**San Bruno, California, February 11, 2016** – As one of its first program initiatives, the San Bruno Community Foundation is launching the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship Program to assist outstanding San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community in obtaining a college degree.

The Scholarship Program honors the community members who most directly endured the destruction of the 2010 gas pipeline explosion and resulting fire in San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives in the disaster. As the neighborhood is reconstructed and the survivors rebuild their lives, the Scholarship Program will ensure 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 will be honored in the annual recipients of the Scholarship.

“With the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship, the San Bruno Community Foundation creates a living tribute to the Crestmoor neighborhood and the community members who suffered through the devastation of the blast,” said Patricia Bohm, a member of the Foundation’s Board of

Directors and chair of the committee guiding the creation of the Scholarship Program. “This Scholarship is an important and positive way of giving back to the community.”

In 2016, the Foundation will award multi-year college scholarships totaling \$100,000, to graduating high school seniors and community college students as follows:

- *For graduating high school seniors who will enroll at a four-year college or university:* \$5,000 scholarship, renewable annually for three additional years (total possible award of \$20,000)
- *For graduating high school seniors who will enroll at a community college:* \$2,500 scholarship, renewable for one additional year (total possible award of \$5,000)
- *For community college students transferring to a four-year degree institution:* \$5,000 scholarship, renewable for one additional year (total possible award of \$10,000)

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 demonstrate deep engagement and involvement in the San Bruno community as well as exemplify leadership, teamwork, and collaboration – important qualities that were displayed throughout the San Bruno community in the aftermath of the 2010 explosion and fire. An applicant’s financial need, academic record, and extracurricular activities will also be considered in the selection process.

“The Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship is an investment in the next generation of San Bruno’s leaders,” said Leslie Hatamiya, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “We are excited to assist dedicated and engaged community members in realizing their dream of pursuing a college degree.”

San Bruno students can apply for the Scholarship through the Foundation’s online application, which is posted at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org). The Scholarship deadline is Friday, March 18, 2016. The Foundation intends to announce the 2016 Scholarship Recipients by the beginning of May.

Additional information about the Scholarship Program can be found on the Foundation’s 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.

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