

## **“Giving Back Has Never Been More Rewarding: Join the Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation”**

The Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation (RSF) has been deeply and proudly rooted in the Rossmoor community since 1965. Its mission continues to be to recognize high school and community college students with promise and financial needs, to ease their financial burdens, and to give them the opportunity to pursue advanced education.

For the past four years it has focused on students from six local high schools--Antioch, Deer Valley, Pittsburg, Concord, Mt. Diablo, and Ygnacio Valley--and two community colleges, Diablo Valley and Los Medanos. To learn more about RSF visit its website at: <https://www.rossmoorscholarshipfoundation.org>

In the past three years RSF has experienced remarkable growth, more than doubling the number of students it supports and the scholarship funds it provides. This growth is a testament to the generosity of the Rossmoor community and the hard work of RSF's scholarship recipients.

In 2026 RSF programs will award over \$600,000 in funding to 141 scholarship recipients. What began as a modest program to help a handful of promising local students sixty-one years ago has blossomed into a vital Rossmoor institution. With this growth comes both great pride and a genuine need. RSF is now actively seeking new volunteer trustees to join its board, and to help it sustain this momentum.

The RSF board is a working board. To add new members to its board, RSF is seeking thoughtful, committed individuals who believe in the power of education to transform lives and who want to put their expertise, background, and life experiences to meaningful use.

RSF especially welcomes applications from individuals with these specific skills: (1) strong writing and storytelling skills to help craft compelling narratives based on RSF scholarship recipients' stories, for publication in the Rossmoor News; (2) experience with databases and spreadsheets and common office and digital tools to help RSF leverage technology and software tools to more effectively manage scholarship applications and evaluations, donor relationships, financial and administrative operations, and internal collaboration; (3) experience in web design, multimedia design, or a related field to help maintain and update the RSF website; (4) work with RSF's Administrative Assistant to develop and manage RSF correspondence to donors, scholarship recipients, and other stakeholders; and (5) experience with desktop publishing software to design and produce RSF written and digital content such as posters, multi-page brochures, event programs, and newsletters.

Ask any of RSF's current trustees what they get out of their service, and one will hear a version of the same answer--“reading student's scholarship applications and essays, interviewing applicants and learning about their life experiences and knowing that my efforts helped young people reach their potential, are some of the most meaningful and gratifying things I do.”

Rossmoorians interested in joining the RSF Board and whose talents align with RSF's needs and mission, are encouraged to contact Judy Leckonby at [Judithnorton1220@gmail.com](mailto:Judithnorton1220@gmail.com)

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