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**Blue Diamond Growers Foundation
Announces 2021-2022 Scholarship Awards on 10th Anniversary of Program**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Blue Diamond Growers Foundation is pleased to announce its 2021-2022 scholarship recipients. This year, scholarship funding is being awarded to 24 college students who are either dependents of Blue Diamond employees or are members of local communities pursuing agriculture-related fields of study at colleges and universities in California and throughout the country.

“For agriculture to succeed for years to come, it will require the dedication and hard work of the next generation,” said Dan Cummings, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Blue Diamond Growers. “We are so pleased that the Blue Diamond Growers Foundation regularly supports dependents of our own Blue Diamond employees as well as assists students whose goals are to be a positive influence on the future of agriculture and who want to make a difference in their communities.”

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the Blue Diamond Growers Foundation was established in 2011 for the purpose of providing scholarships to students who have demonstrated excellent academic performance and are pursuing a four-year college. Since 2011, the Blue Diamond Foundation has awarded nearly **150** scholarships to help students in our local communities achieve their dreams of a college education.

This year’s Blue Diamond Growers Foundation scholarship recipients include:

NAME/HOMETOWN	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	MAJOR
Ashleigh Sorensen Sanger, Calif.	Fresno State University	Agribusiness
Ashlyn Wooldridge Arbuckle, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Plant and Environment Sciences
Averie Konefat Patterson, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Science
Cal Muxlow Kingsburg, Calif.	Fresno State University	Agribusiness
Gabriela Moreno Winton, Calif.	Merced Community College then Fresno State University	Ag Education and Communications
Gunnar Kale Merced, Calif.	Morningside University	Ag and Food Sciences <i>(Minor in Agronomy)</i>



Jane Saenz Shafter, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Systems Management, Wine and Viticulture
NAME/HOMETOWN	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	MAJOR
Jenna Keller Porterville, Calif.	Cal Poly or Cornell University	Plant Science and International Ag
Kalifornia Kindelt Woodland, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Communications
Kathryn Williams Arbuckle, Calif.	TBD	Ag Communications
Lauren McEwen Exeter, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Communications
Lauren Schaap Visalia, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Communications
Laynee Haywood Maxwell, Calif.	Texas Tech University	Agribusiness <i>(Concentration in International Agribusiness)</i>
Madalyn Nissen Willows, Calif.	Oklahoma State University	Ag Education and Ag Communications
Matthew Freitas Glenn, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Systems Management
Michaela Mederos Tulare, Calif.	Fresno State University	Agribusiness Management
M'Lyssa Frago Atwater, Calif.	Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	Ag Communications
Natalie Machon El Dorado Hills, Calif.	University of Colorado, Boulder	Psychology
Rachel Mancebo Chowchilla, Calif.	Fresno State University	Ag Education
Sarah Williams Madera, Calif.	Virginia Tech University	Agribusiness
Sydney Vieira Ripon, Calif.	Oklahoma State University	Agribusiness <i>(Pre-Law Concentration)</i>
Tanner Cardoza Hanford, Calif.	McPherson College	Business
Taylor Trigueiro Caruthers, Calif.	Oklahoma State University	Ag Education



William Vannucci Woodland, Calif.	American River College	Horticulture
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Additional information about the Blue Diamond Growers Foundation scholarship program is available at <https://bluediamondgrowers.com/scholarship-program/>.

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About Blue Diamond

Blue Diamond Growers, a grower-owned cooperative representing over 3,000 of California's almond growers, is the world's leading almond marketer and processor. Established in 1910, it created the California almond industry and opened world markets for almonds. Blue Diamond is dedicated to delivering the benefits of almonds around the world and does so by providing high-quality almonds, almond ingredients and branded products. Headquartered in Sacramento, the company employs more than 1,800 people throughout its processing plants, receiving stations and gift shops. To learn more about Blue Diamond Growers, visit www.bluediamond.com and follow the company on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).