PARC Environmental Stewardship Scholarship

Up to $3000 in total Scholarship Awards

Entry Deadline is March 15, 2026

Scholarship Topic:

Students may apply for the PARC 2026 Environmental Stewardship Scholarship by either submitting an original video or essay describing their response to the following question about the North and Middle Fork American River canyons located upstream of Folsom Reservoir, in the Auburn State Recreation Area:

Why do you care about the American River and its canyons, and what should be done to help protect them for the future? Please describe any activities you have participated in related to the river or canyons.

Scholarship Rules:

- Contestants must be graduating high school seniors, and residents of Placer, Nevada or El Dorado Counties.
- Videos and essays may be emailed to: info@parc-auburn.org. Essays may also be sent by US mail to: PARC, P.O. Box 9312, Auburn CA 95604
- A completed entry form, available on PARC website, must be included with essay or video. https://www.parc-auburn.org/scholarship.html
- Essays must be original, typed and no longer than 500 words.
- Original videos must be submitted as an mp4 file and no longer than three minutes in length.
- Deadline for submission is March 15, 2026.

Selection of Scholarship Winners:

- Essays and videos will be judged on response to topic question and overall impact. Preference will be given to students who have engaged in environmental, educational, recreational or other stewardship activities related to the American River and its canyons.
- Winners will be invited to present their submission at a PARC event or will need to send a video of a reading of their essay.
- Winners will each receive a scholarship of $600 up to $1000 which may be applied toward any education-related expenses.

Sponsored by Protect American River Canyons

Protect American River Canyons (PARC) protects and enhances the natural, recreational and cultural resources of the North and Middle Forks of the American River through leadership and collaboration. PARC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

www.parc-auburn.org

2026 PARC Scholarship Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

How did you learn about the Scholarship? _____

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I certify that the essay or video that I am submitting to the PARC Scholarship is my own original work.

_____
contestant signature

I, _____, give my permission for _____
name of parent or guardian *contestant name*

to participate in the PARC Scholarship.

_____ _____
signature of parent or guardian *date*

I, _____, certify that _____ is a student in good
name of teacher/counselor *contestant name*

standing at _____.
name of school

_____ _____
signature of teacher/counselor *date*

Media Release

(Note: completion of this section will not affect the contestant's chances of being chosen for the scholarship)

Permission is given to release written essay, video and/or student photo to news or social media.

_____ _____ _____ _____
contestant signature *date* *parent or guardian signature* *date*

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