

2025



PARC Scholarship Essay Contest

UP TO \$3000 IN TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
ENTRY DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2025

ESSAY TOPIC:

Students may enter the PARC 2025 Essay Scholarship Contest by submitting an original essay of 500 words or less 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.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES:

- Contestants must be high school seniors, and residents of Placer, Nevada or El Dorado County, but may attend school in another county.
- Essays may be emailed to: info@parc-auburn.org or 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. <https://www.parc-auburn.org/scholarship.html>
- Essays must be typed and no longer than 500 words.
- Contestants must write an original essay, in their own words.
- Deadline for essay to be mailed is **March 15, 2025**.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

- Essays 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 read their essay at a PARC event and need to send a video of a reading of their essay.
- Winners will each receive a scholarship of \$500 or more which may be applied toward any education-related expenses.

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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.

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ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

How did you learn about the essay contest? _____

I certify that the essay that I am submitting to the PARC Scholarship essay contest 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 Essay Contest _____
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 in the scholarship/essay contest)

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

