



2016 High School Scholarship Essay Contest

Sponsored by Protect American River Canyons (PARC)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS \$2,500
ENTRY DEADLINE IS MARCH 12, 2016

ESSAY TOPIC:

Students may enter the PARC 2016 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 are the American River and its canyons important to me and what is my vision for improving the Auburn State Recreation Area?

Summary of Essay Contest Rules:

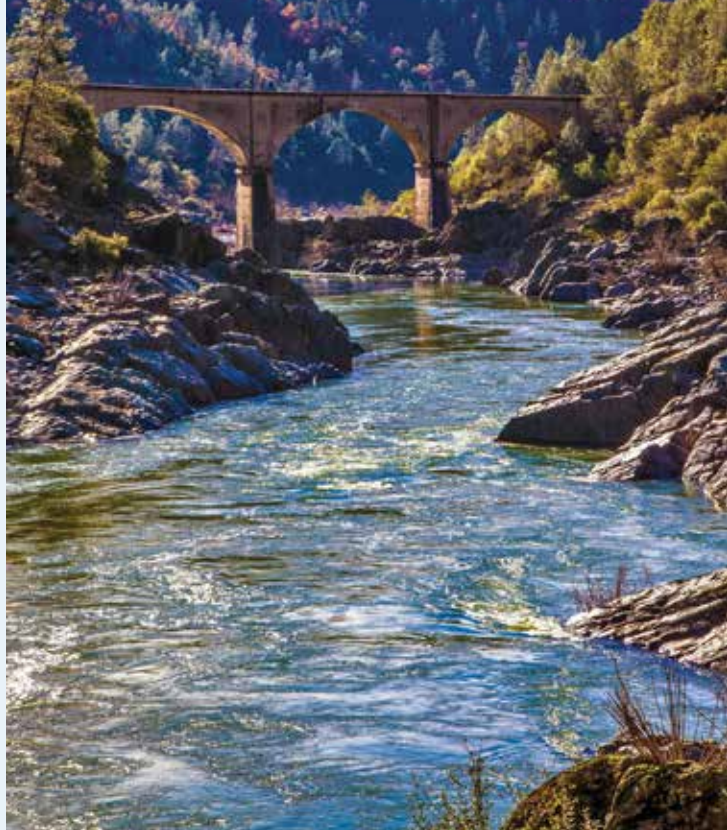
- Essays may be sent by U.S. mail to:
PARC, PO Box 9312, Auburn CA 95604
- An Entry Form (available on PARC website) must be included
- Deadline for submission **March 12, 2016**
- Please see Scholarship page of PARC website for complete application rules and more information about the Auburn State Recreation Area and the former Auburn Dam construction site: www.parc-auburn.org





PARC Scholarship Contest Eligibility and Rules

- Contestants must be high school seniors and residents of Placer, Nevada or El Dorado County, but may attend school in another county.
- Contestants must be in good academic standing, on track to graduate in 2016.
- Contestants are encouraged to discuss the essay topic with teachers, parents, friends, and other mentors, but each contestant must write the essay himself or herself, in his or her own words.
- Essays must be sent by U.S. mail to:
PARC, PO Box 9312, Auburn, CA 95604.
- Essays must be typed and single-spaced. Essays may include a title and footnotes, but these elements are not required. Include a word count with the essay, excluding any title or footnotes, which do not count toward the 500 word limit.
- All essays must be accompanied by an entry form which includes the contestant's name, address, phone number, email address, and high school; the name of a parent or guardian; a statement signed by the contestant documenting that the essay being submitted is the original work of the contestant; a statement signed by the parent or guardian indicating that the parent or guardian approves of the contestant's participation in the scholarship essay contest; and a statement by a school official confirming that the contestant is a student in good standing, on track for graduation from the 12th grade in 2016. A blank entry form is available on the PARC website: www.parc-auburn.org
- Deadline for essay submission is **Saturday, March 12, 2016.**



Selection of Scholarship Winners

- The PARC Board will establish a panel of PARC members to judge essays based on originality, clarity, cohesiveness, and overall impact.
- The winners may be invited to read their essays at a PARC meeting and/or a local radio station.
- The top five winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship which may be applied toward any education-related expenses upon matriculation at an accredited college or other post-high school educational program, including trade schools.

About PARC

Protect American River Canyons is a river education and conservation organization dedicated to the protection of the natural, recreational, cultural and historical resources of the North and Middle Forks of the American River and its canyons. PARC is very active in the community, sponsoring a variety of social, river service and educational events each year. PARC remains vigilant to the political threats to the river canyons. PARC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



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PARC 2016 Scholarship Essay Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

High School: _____

How did you learn about the essay contest? _____

I certify that the essay that I am submitting to the 2016 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 2016 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 _____ and that he/she is on track to graduate from the

name of secondary school

12th grade in the calendar year 2016. _____

signature of teacher/counselor

date

Optional Section - 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 and student photo to news media.

contestant signature

date

parent or guardian signature

date

Permission is given to record and broadcast oral presentation and to be interviewed by radio media:

contestant signature

date

parent or guardian signature

date

