

2022

# PARC Scholarship Essay Contest

**UP TO \$2500 IN TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
ENTRY DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2022**



## ESSAY TOPIC:

Students may enter the PARC 2022 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:

**What is your personal connection to the American River and its canyons, and how has a current concern, such as the COVID pandemic, climate change, social media influence, racial inequality, or another concern you have, impacted the American River and its 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 must 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
- Essays must be typed and spaced to fit on one page
- Contestants must write an original essay, in their own words
- Deadline for essay to be mailed is **March 15, 2022**

## SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

- Essays will be judged based on originality, response to topic question, and overall impact.
- The winners may be invited to read their essays at a PARC meeting and/or a local radio station.
- The winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship which may be applied toward any education-related expenses.

## SPONSORED BY PROTECT AMERICAN RIVER CANYONS

*Protect American River Canyons (PARC) is a river education and conservation organization that protects and enhances 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, outings and educational events each year. PARC remains vigilant to the various threats to the river canyons. PARC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. [WWW.PARC-AUBURN.ORG](http://WWW.PARC-AUBURN.ORG)*



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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*

### 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*

