



# PARC Scholarship Essay Contest

**UP TO \$2500 IN TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2023**

## ESSAY TOPIC:

Students may enter the PARC 2023 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 may be sent by US mail to: PARC, P.O. Box 9312, Auburn CA 95604 or emailed to: [info@parc-auburn.org](mailto:info@parc-auburn.org)
- 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, 2023**.

## SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

- Essays will be judged based on originality, response to topic question, and overall impact. Consideration will be given to applicants who have engaged in environmental conservation, educational or other stewardship activities concerning the American River and its Canyons.
- Winners will be invited to read their essays at a PARC event, which will be recorded for PARC's YouTube Channel. If unable to attend, winners may send in a video reading of their essay.
- Winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship 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*

