



# Scholarship Program 2017 Description

## Eligibility:

To be considered:

- The applicant's primary residence must be located in a community under the ownership of Millennium Housing Corporation, Millennium Housing of California, or COACH of San Diego, Inc.
- The applicant must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution the following academic year.
- The applicant must be between the ages of 17 and 25.
- A completed application must be postmarked by August 4th, 2017.
- Prior SPARC Scholarship recipients can reapply if still eligible.

## Scholarship Terms & Conditions

The SPARC Scholarship Program will award scholarships of up to \$1,000. The number of scholarships awarded depends on program funding.

Recipients will be selected by a scholarship committee consisting of staff and Board Members of SPARC, Inc. The decisions of the committee are final and binding.

Scholarship recipients must enroll in and attend an accredited post-secondary education institution the academic year following their application submission. Funds will be paid to the recipient and must be used for school-related expenses. If a recipient does not comply with these requests they will be ineligible to reapply for the SPARC Scholarship Program in future years.

## Supporting Documents

In addition to the application, applicants must also attach the following items:

- Transcript(s): If the applicant is entering his/her first year of college, a high school transcript is required. If the applicant is currently attending a post-secondary institution, a post-secondary transcript is required.
- Verification of Enrollment: Either a class schedule or acceptance letter. If applicant does not have verification of enrollment to attach to this application, include note of explanation. Note: funds will only be awarded after proof of enrollment has been submitted.
- Previous SPARC scholarship winners only: Include a brief explanation of how the prior SPARC scholarship funds were used.
- Essay Question: Applicants must write and submit an essay on one of the topics listed below

## Essay Topics

- "If you could have dinner with any person, living or dead, who would it be and why? What questions would you ask them?"
- "Describe something you have done in the past year that has made a difference in your community, family, and/or school."
- "Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as health care, the economy, discrimination, or a current topic of your choice."

- “If you could transport yourself to any place in the world right now, where you go, what would you do, and why?”
- “Describe the most challenging obstacle you have had to overcome; discuss its impact and tell what you have learned from the experience.”

**Essay must be:**

- Typed
- 12 point font
- Approximately 700 words
- Applicant’s name on each page

**Certification & Release**

All applicants and, where appropriate, their parent or guardian, must sign the attached application, certifying that all information provided is true and complete to the best of their knowledge. Upon submission, applicants grant SPARC, Inc. the right to use any information contained in the application for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the Program, or as legally required or permitted by law.

**Application Submission**

All completed applications must be postmarked by **August 4th, 2017**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applications must be sent to:

SPARC, Inc.  
Attn: SPARC Scholarship Program  
20 Pacifica, Suite 1470  
Irvine, CA 92618

Or, applications can be submitted electronically to Nicki Ross at [nross@millenniumhousing.net](mailto:nross@millenniumhousing.net), or Stacey Price at [sprice@sparc-ca.org](mailto:sprice@sparc-ca.org).

## **Application Form**

A Complete Application MUST include:

- Completed Application Form (Please Print or Type)
- A copy of applicant's transcript(s)
- Verification of enrollment OR note of explanation if unavailable
- Essay (as described in application)

Community Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* 1) Must be an eligible community (see SPARC Scholarship Program Description) AND

\* 2) Community must be applicant's primary residence

### **Applicant's General Information**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female (Please circle one)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Information**

High School \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your extra-curricular, volunteer, and work activities in which you are/were involved (use additional pages if needed):

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Post-Secondary Institution you plan to attend or are currently attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Career Interest or Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, etc.) you are/were involved in (use additional pages if needed):

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### Financial Information - Primary Residence

Total annual household income (as reported on federal income tax return) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of person(s) in household \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any additional financial obligations you would like the SPARC Scholarship Committee to consider (use additional pages if needed):

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### *BEFORE YOU SIGN: Please Complete Application Checklist*

Application	Essay
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form	<input type="checkbox"/> Typed
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-point font
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of enrollment or note if unavailable	<input type="checkbox"/> Approximately 700 words
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's name on each page
<input type="checkbox"/> For previous winners: Description of prior award	
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, I am not a previous winner	

### Certification & Authorization

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the inclusion of any false information on this form constitutes grounds for rejection of this application. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for the SPARC Scholarship Program. I hereby authorize SPARC, Inc. to use any information contained in this application for the purpose of promoting and publishing the SPARC Scholarship Program, or as legally required or permitted by law.

Applicant Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)