



2023 College Scholarship Application

The S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation College Scholarship Committee encourages applications from all high school students in their senior year, whose intended major is in an area of the sciences, who live in a state we provide programming, and who are in need of financial assistance. The Committee also considers scholastic achievement, academic promise, extracurricular science activities, and essay content.

The Foundation may award up to four \$2,500 individual scholarships. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the college or university of the recipients after selection has been completed. The program of study shall be a full-time course load that will result in a degree or diploma being granted. The Committee relies on the accuracy and completeness of the information provided in the application in order to choose its recipients. Both the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) should carefully review the application for accuracy and sign where indicated.

DEADLINE:

We must receive your application **by April 8** of the year in which you will enter your first year of college. Application and accompanying documentation shall be sent electronically to tkrall@sparksfoundation.org. You will be notified of the committee's decision by mid-May of that year.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact:

Tina Krall, Operations Director of The S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation
tkrall@sparksfoundation.org
or 610-816-5047

I. Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell or Contact Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

II. Parent or Guardian Information:

Parent: _____

Occupation: _____

Address (if different from student): _____

E-mail Address: _____

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E-mail Address: _____

III. Additional Information:

1. **Current GPA:** _____ **Current Class Rank:** _____
(We will verify your GPA and Class Rank with your School Counselor)

2. **School Counselor Name:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

3. SHORT ESSAY

Please attach a short essay (maximum of one page/500 words, in 12 font or greater) including topics such as why you have chosen to pursue a career in the sciences, which science subjects have had the greatest impact on you, science-related extracurricular activities which influenced you, which area of science you hope to pursue in college, post college plans, etc. Please submit a list, either here or on a separate document, to show your extracurricular activities and/or community involvement.

4. Please list the colleges/universities that you are most likely to attend and your intended major. Please indicate which you have committed to attend, if known, at this time:

School 1: _____ **Major:** _____

School 2: _____ **Major:** _____

School 3: _____ **Major:** _____

*Please provide a copy of your acceptance letter from the college/university that you plan to attend.

III. Applicant’s Financial Information (Annual):

List any Grants, Scholarships, or Financial Awards (name & dollar amount of each) awarded or to be received (including those from your college, if known at this time). Do NOT list any student loans.

GRANTS:	\$
SCHOLARSHIPS:	\$
ESTIMATED SAVED COLLEGE FUNDS:	\$ _____
 TOTAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, PERSONAL FUNDS:	 \$
 TUITION:	 \$
ROOM AND BOARD:	\$
OTHER REQUIRED FEES:	\$ _____
 TOTAL COSTS FOR FULL YEAR:	 \$
NET NEED (Total Funds Sources Less Total Costs)	\$

- Please attach a short commentary (250 words or less) of any pertinent adverse family circumstances affecting the applicant’s and/or parent’s/guardian’s current or future ability to contribute financially to the applicant’s education costs.

IV. STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AFFIRMATION:

Both student and parent or guardian must read the following statement, sign, and date, where indicated:

*We affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge.
We understand that misrepresentations may constitute fraud, which may result in the loss of eligibility for this scholarship.*

Signature of Student _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____

*Thank you for your time and interest in the S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation 2023 College Scholarship
Best Wishes!*