

**School Purchasing and Resource Consortium**  
**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**2015-2016**

We are very excited to offer the SPARC College Scholarship Program again this school year. All students who are **seniors in a SPARC member district** and enrolling in a college or university program are eligible to compete for one of the following six \$500.00 scholarships:

Three \$500.00 scholarships for students enrolled in a Food Related Program  
(Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management, Registered Dietician, Chef Training, etc.)  
The two students receiving the highest scores will receive either the Katie Petersen Scholarship  
or the John K. Milnes Memorial Scholarships

Three \$500.00 scholarships for students enrolled in other college or university program

Applicants must be from a school district that is a member of SPARC. Applicants must write an essay on one of the topics listed and submit it along with the completed application form to:

SPARC  
Terri Sincock, Executive Director  
1822 Westgate Dr.  
Howell, MI 48843  
tsincock@manistee.org

Essays must be **postmarked or emailed to arrive no later than Monday, February 29, 2016.** Applicants may submit only one essay. The SPARC Board will use the following criteria to evaluate the essays:

- ❖ Overall content, creativity, ability to organize your thoughts, originality, length, use of proper grammar and spelling and overall presentation.
- ❖ Length must be between 500 and 1,200 words. Use your word processing document and list the number of words at the end of your essay.
- ❖ Essays must be written in English, typed, and double-spaced.

Essay topics:

- ❖ A personal essay explaining why you are seeking this scholarship: Why do you need this scholarship? What are your career goals? What activities have you participated in to support these goals? What honors and awards have you received?
- ❖ Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and why it is important to you.
- ❖ Explain a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- ❖ Topic of your choice.

Winners of the scholarships will be notified in writing and email by April 29, 2016. Checks will be sent to the winners upon receipt of a copy of their first semester transcript of grades.

All essays will become the property of SPARC and may be posted on the SPARC website. The SPARC Board's decisions are final.

# SPARC 2015-2016 College Scholarship Program

## Application Form

I am applying for \_\_\_\_\_ Food Service Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Other Scholarship

Print or Type Legibly

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

College Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Major Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Curricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Awards and Honors Received \_\_\_\_\_

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What else should we know about you? \_\_\_\_\_

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The information I have submitted for this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. So that I may be considered for this scholarship, I give permission to the SPARC Board to release the information to the SPARC evaluation committee with the understanding that the essay I am submitting may be used on the SPARC website.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application deadline: February 29, 2016**

Send essay and completed application form to: SPARC, c/o Terri Sincock, 1822 Westgate Dr., Howell, MI 48843 (Incomplete applications will not be accepted)