

THE REVEREND ROBERT B. PARKER MEMORIAL FUND
SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Applicants are limited to scouts from the Spirit of Adventure Council. This college assistance application is for ALL individuals either having NEVER RECEIVED THESE FUNDS or RECEIVED A "ONE TIME" GRANT. The Parker Memorial Fund and its custodians do not discriminate amongst race, color, creed, gender, or national origin, and awards are limited to maximum of 4 years of undergraduate studies only.

This 2 page application and all requested information MUST be submitted by **May 24, 2019** or it may not be considered. Any information postmarked after May 20 may not be accepted. This application MUST be submitted and accompanied by:

1. A letter in the applicant's own handwriting (not typed) stating: Why you desire a college education, influences of Scouting in your life, and why you should be granted funding.
2. A letter of recommendation from each of the following:
 - a. School representative or official; Principal/Dean, counselor, or teacher/professor.
 - b. Scout leader/Crew Advisor (previous Rev Parker fund recipients do not have to resubmit scout leader letter).
 - c. Religious leader: Minister, Pastor, Rabbi, Counselor (previous Rev Parker fund recipients do not have to resubmit letter).
3. Applicant must submit a transcript/grade report for the year's final semester. If you have not received this transcript please send the most recent transcript with your application, and a transcript for the year's final semester as soon as it is processed and received. It is expected that applicants hold a **minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75** (of 4.0 point system). Therefore, only high school or college students with a 2.75 GPA or equivalent depending upon your school's grading system will be considered.
4. Copy of your college acceptance letter if you are a high school student applying. A college transcript will prove admission if you are a college student.
5. A complete copy of the federal Student Aid Report (SAR) generated after submitting FAFSA for the coming academic year including SAR page showing dollar amount of Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
6. Applicant must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America either with a local unit or "College Reserves."
7. Applicant submits a total of six copies (1 original, 5 copies) of this application and materials **no later than May 24**.
TO: Spirit of Adventure Council, Attention: Rev. Robert B. Parker Memorial Fund, 600 West Cummings Park, Suite 2750, Woburn, MA 01801
8. The applicant should plan to meet with the Parker Committee to review this information. The applicant will be contacted to set up the brief interview date and time.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Print large:
Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Father's Address: _____
Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Mother's Address: _____
Brothers & Sisters (Names, ages, occupations): _____

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Please list the name and address of each school attended and date of graduation:

College planning to attend: _____
Previous college if changed institutions: _____
Expected Graduation Date from current school: _____ Current **Cumulative** Grade Point Average _____

SCOUTING MEMBERSHIP RECORD

To receive a Parker Scholarship, you must be registered with the BSA.

A. I am currently registered with:

- Unit (Type & No.) _____ in (Town) _____
- College Reserves ___ yes ___ no

B. My Scouting Background:

- Cub Pack # & Town _____ Dates: _____ Rank: _____
- Scout Troop # & Town _____ Dates: _____ Rank: _____
- Venture Crew # & Town _____ Dates: _____ Rank: _____

PARENT'S INCOME INFORMATION FOR THE COMING YEAR

Father's expected annual income: \$ _____
Mother's expected annual income: \$ _____
Expected investment income earned by parents: \$ _____
Does the applicant's parent(s) own or rent the family home? Own _____ Rent _____
Parent's marital status: Married _____ *Divorced _____
*If the parents' marital status is checked as 'divorced', please answer next question.
Financial support received from: 2 parents ____ Mother ____ Father ____

STUDENT'S INCOME INFORMATION

Expected gross summer earnings: \$ _____
Expected gross income during coming school year: \$ _____
Amount of earnings from above applied towards College education: \$ _____
Other grants expected in the coming year. Please list organization providing the grant and the expected amount.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Parker Scholarship	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

FAMILY EDUCATION EXPENSES

Number of siblings attending schools with tuition requirements (i.e. college, private schools) _____
List the above noted schools and the costs incurred for each School's Annual Total Cost of Attending
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

Has the family incurred any extraordinary expenses during the past year that the Parker Scholarship Committee should take into consideration, if so, what? _____

BUDGET

Please list all anticipated expenses for the coming college year and the income sources, which will fund these expenses (the Total Expenses and Total Income Sources **must equal one another**).

EXPENSES:

Tuition: \$ _____
Room Board: \$ _____
Books: \$ _____
Commuting Costs: \$ _____
**Other – Specify: \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ _____

INCOME SOURCES:

Student Earnings: \$ _____
Student Savings: \$ _____
*Family: \$ _____
College award: \$ _____
Loans: \$ _____
Parker Scholarship: \$ _____
**Other – Specify: \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
TOTAL INCOME: \$ _____

* Income Sources – Family – should only show that amount from the family annual income which will be directed to the college expenses. The same applies for Earnings (student) and Savings.

** Expenses – could include athletic fees, student or special fees, etc. Income Sources – please include scholarship or grant funding, special financial aid, or any other sources of income that may have been awarded.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Applicant's Signature Date

----- (Do not write below) -----

COMMITTEE ACTION

Approval of a \$ _____ college financial award is recommended to the Trustees by the following:
For the Scholarship Committee _____ Date _____
Scout Executive _____ Date _____

The Reverend Robert B. Parker Memorial Fund

The Reverend Robert B. Parker Memorial Fund is intended to promote "in the Boy Scouts of America, ...through the 'Local Council', the ability of boys to do things for themselves and for others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues". The fund was established through a trust in 1939 by Sarah Parker, Reverend Parker's widow and a woman of wealthy means. It was her desire to honor her late husband for his great commitment and interest in the youth of the St. Michael's Episcopal parish in Marblehead, as well as with all youth in the community.

Proceeds from the fund were originally intended for local Scout youth with preference to scouts from the town of Marblehead, but as the "local" council has grown over the years from the North Shore Council and now to the Spirit of Adventure Council, Scouts from many cities and towns are now eligible to apply.

The fund was originally endowed through Mrs. Parker's contribution of 900 shares of General Electric stock, an approximate value of \$30,000 and an amount that has increased in investment value to more than one million dollars today. Funding for the youth in Scouting has, for decades, been provided through the annual income from investments made by the trustees of the fund and disbursements to date have exceeded \$1,160,000.

Specific provisions of the trust include:

"Four-fifths of the annual income thereof shall be used as scholarship fund(s) to assist worthy and needy members of Marblehead Troops to obtain a college education,.....or if they deem it advisable for any other reason, such recipients may be selected from members of troops in any other part of the territory covered by the Local Council."

"The remaining one-fifth of the income shall be paid and applied in such manner as the Local Council deems will best promote the interests of boy scouts in this territory," and including a preference "for the improvement and equipment of camps and camp scholarships."

The members of the Parker Memorial Fund Committee, responsible for the selection process, are proud of all the applicants and are very pleased with the outstanding performance of the recipients. These highly qualified and deserving individuals attend many local colleges and universities, as well as some of the finest and best-known institutions throughout the country. All are good citizens and good Scouts, and continue to be exceptional ambassadors for the Boy Scouts of America!

Past recipients and all others are encouraged to donate to this fund to assist our future scouts planning to attend college, improve the quality of our camp equipment and train the camp staff, and assist younger scouts to afford scout camp. **Tax deductible donations** can be made payable to "Parker Memorial Fund" and mailed to **Spirit of Adventure Council, Attention: Rev. Robert B. Parker Memorial Fund, 600 West Cummings Park, Suite 2750, Woburn, MA 01801**. Thank you in advance for your consideration in helping the scouts of the Spirit of Adventure Council.