



## Gary W. Sparks

### Memorial Scholarship 2018-2019

Established by Greg and Linda Westbrook in 2015, this scholarship honors the memory of their friend Gary W. Sparks. Gary's love for volleyball began in college when he was a student coach and grew over the years as he coached his daughters' recreational teams. Both Madison and Britlyn Sparks played volleyball for Staley High School. This \$300 scholarship is awarded annually to a Staley senior volleyball athlete who best exemplifies the qualities of faith, family and friendship.

- Deadline:** Friday, March 15, 2019
- Scholarship Amount:** \$300
- Eligibility:**
- 1) You must be a graduating senior in Staley's class of 2019.
  - 2) You must plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a technical school or college/university.
  - 3) You must have been a member of Staley's volleyball team during your high school career.
- Required Documents:**
- 1) Completed scholarship application
  - 2) Official Grade Transcript and ACT scores
  - 3) Personal essay of 500 words or less
  - 4) Letters of recommendation
- Process:** Required documents must be submitted to the Staley High School Counseling Office by the deadline. The selection committee will review applications and make a decision in time for the recipient to be recognized during the Senior Honors Program held in May.
- Payment:** Payment will be made directly to the technical school, college or university the recipient will attend, pending submission of a letter of acceptance and a student identification number to the North Kansas Schools Education Foundation, which holds the funds for the scholarship.



What other activities, clubs or programs have you participated in while at Staley?

Please describe your interests and activities outside of school, including any hobbies, church activities and community/volunteer efforts.

Please list any special honors or recognition you have received, as well as any leadership positions you have held at school or in the community.

Please describe any paid work experiences, if applicable.

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### **Section III: Essay**

In 500 words or less, please explain why you believe you should be considered for this scholarship, including specific examples of your demonstrated strength of character, service as a role model to others, teamwork, and concern and care for others.

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### **Section IV: Personal References**

Please include up to 3 letters of references from non-family members who can speak to your quality of character. (Examples: teachers, coaches, pastors, community leaders, neighbors, etc.)

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**Applications must include all information requested, along with supporting materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Place your application and supporting materials in one envelope and deliver or mail to:**

Gary W. Sparks Memorial Scholarship  
Attn: Staley Counseling Office  
2800 NE Shoal Creek Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64156

**Applications must be postmarked or delivered and received by the end of the school day on Friday, March 15, 2019.**