



Gary W. Sparks

Memorial Scholarship 2019-2020

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 13, 2020

Scholarship Amount: \$300

Eligibility:

- 1) You must be a graduating senior in Staley's class of 2020.
- 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.

Gary W. Sparks Memorial Scholarship 2019-2020 Application Form

Section I: Personal Information

Name: _____

High School ID Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email: _____

College/Technical School: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

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Who is financing your education? _____

List sources of financial aid, including scholarships or grants received to date: _____

Section II: School/Activities/Interests Information

Your class rank: _____ Your GPA: _____ Your highest overall ACT score: _____

(NOTE: Please include copies of your high school transcript and ACT scores.)

How many years have you been a member of Staley's volleyball team? _____

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.

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.

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.)

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 13, 2020.