

Abundant Love Ministries, Center, Texas

1426 Shelbyville ▪ St Center, TX 75935



Abundant Love Ministries "Minister Mike Sparks Community Service Scholarship"

- **Two (2) \$1000 scholarships for undergraduate students**
- **Application deadline: April 10, 2023**
- **Available to CURRENT RESIDENTS OF SHELBY COUNTY**

Abundant Love Ministries (ALM) believes that community service enhances the value of post high school education in profound ways. Minister Mike Sparks – whose namesake and legacy this scholarship bears – demonstrated strong church and community work ethics, coupled with empathy, a genuine spiritual love and compassion for all people. In addition, he was an exceptional volunteer within the ALM church family.

We here at ALM would like to encourage these trends amongst our graduates and community by awarding **two \$1000 Mike Sparks Service Scholarships** to one male and one female who demonstrate passion for their community through service and community volunteerism.

ALM Scholarship Eligibility:

- High School Senior - Must receive a diploma from a Shelby County, Texas High School
- Attending or accepted at an accredited post-secondary U.S. institution
- Be an active church member in the greater Shelby County Area
- Submit and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher (2.0 with two (2) endorsements from an educator reflecting student growth)
- Print, complete and submit the scholarship application form by email

ALM Scholarship Awards:

- Two awards of \$1000 each for the Mike Sparks Service Scholarship

ALM Application Process:

- Fill out application entirely
- Submit one (1) 300-500-word essay describing your favorite community service project; why it was meaningful and how it added value to your community, education, and future goals.
- Submit two (2) letters of reference filled out by
 - a teacher or staff member of your current high school and
 - a person who is *NOT* a relative (i.e. Pastor, Mentor, Employer, Etc.)
- Email completed application and all attachments (including essay and reference letters) no later than **April 10, 2023 to: abundantloveministries936@gmail.com**

ALM Scholarship Selection Process:

- Recipients will be selected based on academic record, demonstrated volunteerism in church and/or community, strong personal character, as well as the strength of the essay and service project as described in their essay, emphasizing the significance of the connection between the service and their education. All applicants agree to accept the decision of recipients as final.

ALM Scholarship Submission:

- Email application and all attachments by the **DEADLINE of April 10, 2023** to: abundantloveministries936@gmail.com

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ALM Scholarship Notification:

- Recipients of scholarships will be notified by **May, 2023**

ALM Payment of Scholarships:

- Scholarship payments may be used to cover the cost of tuition and books. The scholarship awards will be issued in two payments (the first during the fall semester and the second during the spring semester) of \$500 each.
- Recipients will need to submit through email or mail, verification of enrollment in classes for the current semester. A check will then be made payable to the students' school and mailed to the business office using the address on the statement.

Please send any questions or correspondence to
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Abundant Love Ministries Community Service Scholarship Application

Please complete all sections of this form before returning a copy of it via email (abundantloveministries936@gmail.com); **Include ALL application requirements, listed below, as attachments**

The deadline for submission is April 10, 2023

Application requirements for the “*Minister Mike Sparks*” scholarship are as follows:

- ___ A copy of this completed application as an email attachment
- ___ Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - ___ One (1) from a teacher or staff member of your high school
 - ___ One (1) from any person of choice that is NOT a relative (Pastor, Mentor, Supervisor, etc.)
- ___ 300-500-word essay describing your career plans, include community service, and how this scholarship will impact your education endeavors.
- ___ Current Transcript and GPA (High School and/or Current College Transcript if already enrolled). GPA of 2.5 or higher (2.0 with (2) endorsements from a teacher reflecting student growth
- ___ Completed FAFSA

Section 1 - Personal Information

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| Name: | Date of Birth: |
| Email Address: | Permanent Address: |

Section 2 - High School or College Information

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| Name/Address of School: | GPA: |
| Anticipated Major: | Anticipated/Current Minor: |

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Section 3 - Activities and Interests (Use additional paper if needed)

| Organization involved | Position Held | Date of Involvement |
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Section 4 - Honors or Awards (Art; Music; Sports; Church, etc.)

(Use additional paper if needed)

| Award / Honor | Organization | Date of Involvement |
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Section 5 - Volunteer Experience (Use additional paper if needed)

| Place/Organization | Description of what you did | Date of Volunteer experience |
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Finally, is there any information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application that you think makes you deserving of this scholarship. *Please be specific.* (Use additional paper if needed)

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Application Certification:

I understand my application for the Abundant Love Ministries scholarships contains personal information and I authorize the selected committee to review this information in my application for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the scholarship award. I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to the Abundant Love Ministries Scholarship Committee to contact my school if necessary, and to use my name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship award. I verify I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines as stated.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____