



FAQ's

When are applications due?

By 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time on February 10th, 2023.

Can we submit more than one application?

Unfortunately, no.

Only 1 application per individual will be accepted – with a request for only 1 SPARK program. Exception: There is an option for K-6 combined since many elementary physical educators teach through K-5 or 6.

Note: If an individual submitted more than one application prior to the webinar on 12/21/22 we will contact you to ask which application/program you'd like us to consider.

Only 1 application per organization will be accepted. Note: Organization applications can include more than one SPARK program.

Please connect with others in your organization to confirm who will submit for the organization. For those who submitted more than one application before 12/21/23 we will contact you to ask which application you'd like us to use.

When will awards be announced?

SPARK Equity Awards will be announced on March 31, 2023.

How will awardees be notified?

Awardees will be notified by email from Dr. Matthew Mahar, Director of the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University, by end of day on March 31, 2023.

Where will awardees be listed / announced?

A list of awardees will be posted on www.sparkpe.org/equityawards and shared via social media - follow @SPARKPhysEd.

When will the webinar recording be available?

We anticipate the webinar recording will be available by 9:00am PT on 12/22/23.

Where can I access the recording of this webinar?

You will be able to access the recording of this webinar by logging into SPARKfamily.org or create an account at SPARKfamily.org. Once logged in, click SPARKEcademy, then Course Catalog and select Webinar Library – to locate the SPARK Equity Awards webinar.

If I am awarded a SPARK Equity Award, when will I receive the check / money?

You will not be receiving a check or money – the award is for the “goods & services”. The “goods & services” you receive will all be processed and paid for by the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University.

As an organization applicant, do I need to have training date(s) confirmed when I apply?

No, confirmed training dates are not needed to submit the application. However, if selected for a SPARK Equity Award you will need to have training date(s) confirmed & committed to by May 31, 2023 in order to receive the award.

As an organization applicant, how do I complete the Excel document?

First, download the file (File > Save As). Next, [view this short video](#) to walk you through how to complete the Excel document. Note: You will need to upload this completed file into the application.

How will applications be reviewed & scored?

A review team with expertise in SPARK programs, childhood physical activity, and health equity will rate the eligibility, documentation of need, and responses to the application items.

Are SPARK Equity Awards available for both public and private schools and organizations?

Yes, both public and private schools / organization may apply.

For the organization application, do I have to have support of administration for the application?

It is strongly encouraged that you have the support of your administration. There is commitment needed by your organization to confirm date(s) and offer the SPARK training and to allow the SPARK training to happen for staff at your organization.

As an awardee, is it required for the individual or the organization to do anything at the completion of the award / receipt of SPARK “goods & services”?

SPARK Equity Award recipients will be asked to complete a short survey after use of the SPARK materials and are encouraged to post about their program implementation and successes on social media using the hashtag #SPARKequityawards.