

The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties

Nathan Tappen

Memorial Scholarship Application



May 20, 1977- May 10, 1999

Beloved Son of Roger & Patti Tappen

Nathan Tappen Memorial Scholarship

In Memory of Nathan, this scholarship is for an individual entering the field of special education or a related field to benefit the special needs community. The first scholarship was awarded in 2002.

Nathan Tappen was a young man born with significant developmental disabilities. His family utilized the support and services of The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties throughout his lifetime. While Nathan's life was a brief twenty-two years, his passing left the organization with a renewed sense of purpose to continue serving other citizens with developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties

The Arc (Advocacy & Resources for Citizens with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities) is committed to securing for all people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work, and play. The Arc is further committed to reducing the incidence and limiting the consequences of developmental disabilities through education, research, advocacy and the support of families, friends and the community. Through the successful pursuit of quality and justice, The Arc will provide leadership in the field of developmental disabilities and develop necessary human and financial resources to attain its goals.

The Arc Nathan Tappen Memorial Scholarship Guidelines for Submission of Application

Amount & Attendance:

A scholarship of \$1500 will be awarded annually.

Scholarship Winner attendance requirement at a May/June Arc Board Meeting

Eligibility:

- The applicant must reside within Franklin or Fulton Counties
- The applicant must be enrolled in or have declared intention to enroll in the bachelor's program of an accredited post-secondary institution as a full-time student in the field of special education or a related field that will benefit the special needs community. Scholarship money will not be dispersed until the student provides a letter of acceptance.
- Previous scholarship winners are welcome to re-apply for a renewal of their award (limit: 2 awards per person).
- Resume'

Evaluation:

- All applications will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties.
- The applicant will be evaluated on his/her responses to the questions in the application.
- The applicant will be evaluated in these areas: activities, grades, motivation, and demonstrated leadership. Incomplete applications are not considered.
- Each applicant must have these documents submitted for consideration:
 - High school transcript
 - Two references on attached forms from persons who can attest to the interests and personality of the applicant.
- Information submitted other than items requested will not be considered.

Additional Information:

- The applicant must be accepted by an accredited school prior to payment of scholarship monies.
- The scholarship check for the winner will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the institution involved at the beginning of the SECOND term to be applied to fees, tuition, or room and board.
- In the event the recipient leaves the institution for any reason and funds of the scholarship remain as a credit to his/her account, the institution involved shall return the balance of the scholarship to The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties.
- The selection and announcement of recipients will be made by letter to the winners and when applicable will be formally presented at the annual high school awards ceremony. Letters of thanks for their application will be sent to non-winners.
- Applications for this scholarship will be available in the Guidance Office of all high schools in Franklin and Fulton Counties

•Applications must be returned by mail or email by April 4, 2025 to:

The Arc of Franklin & Fulton Counties

Scholarship Committee

2314 Philadelphia Avenue

Chambersburg, PA 17201

wbuckwalter@thearcoffranklinfultoncounties.com

Scholarship Resume Requirements

Your resume is a very important part of this competitive scholarship application. It will be used to help differentiate your application from others and allow the showcasing of your overall accomplishments in high school or college. The resume must include at a minimum the following components:

- Applicant full name:

- Street address:

- Telephone number:

- E-mail address:

- Academic synthesis: Name of school or college, overall grade point average, academic accomplishment, and or school activities related to:

- Employment experience:

- Volunteer experience in school or in the community:

- Leadership roles in school or in the community:

- Hobbies and interests:

~Formatting Guidelines~

- Your resume should be no longer than 1 page.
- Please double check spelling
- Use Headers and/or section titles to organize your resume

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EDUCATIONAL REFERENCE

Name of Applicant _____

The above-named applicant is applying for a scholarship that will be applied toward higher education in the area of Special Education or a related field to benefit the special needs community. Please complete this evaluation and return it no later than April 4, 2025 by mail or email to:

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Please describe your relationship to this student:

Teacher Principal Other _____

Please answer the following questions as they relate to your knowledge of the applicant and how he/she may or may not succeed in completing a higher education program in the field of Special Education or a related field that will benefit the special needs community.

•How would you describe the applicant's level of maturity, reliability, emotional stability, and ability to deal with new situations? _____

•How do you perceive the applicant's ability to approach academic life? Indicate initiative, conscientiousness, determination, and willingness to work hard. _____

•Do you feel that this applicant would be successful in his or her chosen field? Why or why not?

Name (please print): _____ Phone number: _____

(Signature)

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PERSONAL REFERENCE

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•Why do you feel that this applicant would be successful in his or her chosen field of Special Education or a related field that will benefit the special needs community?

Name (please print): _____ Phone number: _____

(Signature)