



*For people with intellectual
and developmental disabilities*

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 Intellectual & Developmental Disability 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 Intellectual & Developmental Disability (IDD) 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. There is a limit of 2 awards per person, and previous winners who re-apply should use the college form of the application (please contact The Arc to obtain this form).
- 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: Academic Achievement, Field of Study Alignment, Personal Essay, Leadership, Community Involvement, and Recommendations
- Each applicant must have these documents submitted for consideration:
 - High school transcript
 - Two references on attached forms
- 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 they 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 3, 2026, 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 attending, overall grade point average, academic accomplishment (including AP classes), and/or school activities:

- Employment experience:

- Volunteer experience in school or in the community (Please list approx. hours per year and how many years you have been volunteering)

- Leadership roles in school or in the community:

- Hobbies and interests:

~Formatting Guidelines~

- Your resume should focus on clearly presenting your relevant experience and qualifications
- Please double check spelling
- Use Headers and/or section titles to organize your resume

Special Education Interest: (1 page limit)

Please explain what career you are interested in pursuing, why you chose this field, and how your chosen career will benefit the special needs community.

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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 that benefits the community and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Please complete this evaluation and return it no later than April 3, 2026.

Return completed form by mail or email to:

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Role/Relationship to Applicant (check one or specify):

☐ Teacher ☐ Coach ☐ Advisor ☐ Mentor ☐ 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.

How would you describe the applicant's level of maturity, reliability, emotional stability, and ability to deal, manage or adjust to 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?

Contact Information of Recommender**Printed Name:** _____**Title:** _____**What school or college do you represent?** _____**Signature:** _____**Date Recommendation Submitted:** _____**Instructions:**

1. Fill in all fields by clicking on the placeholders.
2. Check the appropriate boxes for your role.
3. Add your signature (type or use digital sign feature) and date.
4. Save the completed form and email or mail it to the contact information provided above.

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PERSONAL REFERENCE

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Please describe your relationship to this applicant, how long you have known them and to what capacity:

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 his or her chosen field of Special Education or a related field that will benefit the special needs community. Be as specific as possible.

How would you describe the applicant's level of maturity, reliability, emotional stability, and ability to deal, adjust or manage new situations?

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

Why do you feel that this applicant would be successful in their chosen field of Special Education or a related field that will benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

Name (please print): _____ **Phone number:** _____
Signature: _____