



The Arc of New Mexico Higher Education Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

QUICK FACTS TO KNOW:

1. **DEADLINE for scholarship applications is March 1st at 5:00 p.m.** Applications received after deadline will not be considered for the current award year.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of enrollment, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. You will be notified by phone or mail no later than May 1st regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please contact: The Arc of NM Office of the CEO, (505)883-4630.

PURPOSE The Arc of New Mexico Higher Education Scholarship Fund was established in 2020 to assist recipients to achieve higher education training in Special Services or Occupational Training programs in New Mexico. The goal of the Arc of NM Higher Education Scholarship is to provide financial support for students with disabilities who seek to maximize their education and career opportunities.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on financial need. Scholarship awards are not intended to cover the entire cost of a college program. Scholarship awards are designated as "tuition only" and will be paid directly to the recipient's New Mexico school of choice upon verification of acceptance. There may be several scholarship awards in any given year depending on the number of applicants and the amount of money available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Arc of NM's Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients from all eligible applicants on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, without regard to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. The Arc of NM Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors shall select Arc of NM Higher Education Scholarship recipient(s).

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be a New Mexico resident.
- Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in a New Mexico Special Services or Occupational Training program.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form;
- A personal statement, essay, or video that includes but is not limited to: an introduction of yourself, a description of your goals, your motivation, and the reasons why you want to attend college;
- One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, therapist, and/or administrator.
- OPTIONAL: Any other material(s), which applicant considers relevant.
- The entire application packet must be submitted to The Arc of NM office on or before the application **deadline of March 1st** any calendar year:

**The Arc of NM Scholarship Program
5130 Masthead St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Award notification will be given by May 1st.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Applicant(s) awarded a scholarship will attend The Arc of New Mexico Annual Conference in June to formally accept their scholarship.

Application: Application should be completed by applicant; however, parent/guardian/teacher may assist if needed. **If assisting in completion of application, please include your name and contact phone number:**

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Please type on a separate sheet or print your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.	
1	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email address: _____
4	Current School: _____ Grade: _____
5	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall</u> : Address/ Phone _____
7	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____

Please complete the following information. Use a separate sheet if needed.

11	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
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12	AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?		
13	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.		
14	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Include organizations presenting the honor and date.		
18	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Personal statement, essay, or video that includes but is not limited to: an introduction of yourself, a description of your goals, your motivation, and the reasons why you want to attend college.
	YES	NO	One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, therapist, and/or administrator.
	YES	NO	Proof/Verification of acceptance into a Special Services or Occupational Training program in New Mexico.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to The Arc of New Mexico Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote The Arc of New Mexico.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to The Arc of New Mexico Higher Education Scholarship Policy and Guidelines, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at a New Mexico Special Services or Occupational Training program of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received by The Arc of New Mexico is
March 1st, 5:00 p.m. No exceptions!**