



2026 Eligibility Criteria for a Stipend

We are excited to have you join us for the 2026 Self Advocacy Conference, hosted by the Arc of New Mexico. Based on funding, a limited number of stipends are available for self-advocates and their families traveling from out of town, or in need of assistance. Eligibility criteria and details are listed below.

Who May Apply

- Self-Advocate persons with intellectual or developmental disability
- Self-Advocate persons with other type of disability
- Self-Advocate persons with Down Syndrome
- Attendant of a person with a disability
- Attendant of a person with Down Syndrome
- A family member of a person with a disability
- A family member of a person with Down Syndrome

Stipend Restrictions

- For mileage or lodging stipend, must live a minimum of 50 miles or more one way from Albuquerque, NM
- For registration, anyone with need can apply
- Google Maps is the approved calculator for mileage eligibility determination and reimbursement
- Maximum reimbursement: \$300/household

Stipends May Cover one or more of the following, up to \$300/household

- Mileage (# of round-trip miles x .76/mile, must be more than 50 miles outside ABQ)
- Lodging (must stay at the Crown Plaza under the Self Advocacy Conference suite of rooms). [The Arc of New Mexico Booking Link at Crowne Plaza Albuquerque](#)
- Registration fee (self-advocate plus one). [Self Advocate Summit 2026 | Arc of New Mexico](#)

Stipend Request Contact Information

Name		Phone	
Email		Street Address	
City		State	
Zip Code		Distance from ABQ in miles	

Are you applying on behalf of a person with a disability?	Yes or No	Are you attending as a family or support staff member of a person with a disability?	Yes or No
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Stipend Detailed Expense Request

Expense Item	Amount	Description
Lodging		Must stay at the Embassy Suites under the Arc block of rooms
Mileage		X miles x .76/mile, traveling from [city]
Registration		\$50/person x (# of persons, no more than 2)
Total Request		

I certify that I am not receiving reimbursement for mileage, lodging, and/or conference fee from any other source to attend the Arc NM Annual Conference & Self-Advocate Summit 2026.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email form to: summit@arcnm.org, OR

Mail to: Atten: Conference Committee, Arc of New Mexico, 5130 Masthead Street NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

A reimbursement check for mileage and/or lodging will be mailed within 30 days following the event.