



The Arc of Cass County Ness Academic Scholarship

The Arc of Cass County recognizes the need for exemplary Special Education Teachers and Human Service Professionals in our community. With that in mind, The Arc of Cass County wants to support students in southeastern North Dakota who plan to major in Social Work, Special Education or who intend to use their degree to pursue a career in Human Services. This award is named for The Arc of Cass County's longtime former Executive Director, Janell Ness. Janell is a prime example of what an achieving and dedicated human service professional should be. We will be giving out scholarships annually each spring in her honor.

Scholarship awards can be used for tuition, books, or supplies at a higher learning institution. The amount and size of awards given each year will be based on individual merit and funds available. Must be used within one calendar year of receipt. Awards range from \$500-\$2,000. **Application acceptance period is February 1st through May 15th annually.**

CRITERIA:

- Individuals 17 years of age or older attending college or postsecondary school
- Intend on going into Special Education, Social Work or similar Human Service field
- Resident of, or attending school in one of the following ND counties: Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele or Traill
- Previous recipients are eligible to re-apply

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

To be considered for a scholarship, you must include the following:

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| ☐ Completed application | ☐ Most recent official transcript |
| ☐ Typed activities and essay | ☐ Document showing college acceptance or current enrollment |

Send All Materials to:
The Arc of Cass County
215 N University Drive
Fargo, ND 58102

Or email to:
scholarshipsandgrants@arccassnd.org

All materials must be mailed in one packet. **All materials must submitted/mailed by May 15th.** If you choose to email, it all must be in one email. Scholarship winners will be notified at the end of May.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO INCLUDE:

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS:

1. Please list your extracurricular activities (and approximate dates) from the last two years.
2. List any significant awards or honors you have received during the last two years.

ESSAY:

Why is it important for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to be a part of their community?
(two-page maximum)

TRANSCRIPT:

Please submit an official transcript including your most current semester with your application materials.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER:

Please submit a copy of an acceptance letter or current enrollment documentation.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15th **RECIPIENTS NOTIFIED:** End of May

Please fill out completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Current Status:

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High School Senior

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College Junior

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College Freshman

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College Senior

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College Sophomore

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Graduate Student

Full Legal Name _____

Permanent Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

High School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SAT or ACT Score (if applicable) _____ High School GPA _____

Current College (if applicable) _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Student ID _____

College you will attend in Fall _____ Major _____

Have you received an award from this scholarship before? Yes _____ No _____

In submitting this application, I believe all the above information to be true and complete. I certify that I am not receiving full funding for my education. By submitting this application, I authorize The Arc to use my name and photo if I am selected as a scholarship recipient. If you have any questions please call 701.293.8191 ext. 4.

Signature

Date