

# The Arc New York

## JOSEPH T. WEINGOLD

### Scholarship for Special Education Students

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 13, 2020**

**About the Scholarship:** Two (2) scholarships are presented annually. The scholarship, in the amount of \$3,000 per recipient, is paid in installments of \$1,500 for two (2) semesters. The funds must be claimed within a four (4) year period from the time the scholarship was awarded. Applications will be distributed to interested students by the University's Department of Special Education. Students will send applications directly to The Arc New York State Office.

**About Joseph T. Weingold:** This scholarship honors Joseph T. Weingold, first President and Executive Director of The Arc New York. Mr. Weingold was a pioneer in the field, significantly shaping the national policies on intellectual and developmental disabilities. Joseph T. Weingold was at the center of policy developments positively affecting the lives of people with I/DD in New York State and across the nation for four decades before retiring in 1980. Consistent with his belief that people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities should have a distinct legal status, he originated the concept of a separate state agency, now the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and became one of the primary founders of the national organization, The Arc.

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Students must be enrolled in a New York State degree program, leading to a special education certification
- Students currently receiving a scholarship through The Arc New York are not eligible to receive simultaneous scholarships

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Completed application
- Application must be signed by the Chairperson of the Special Education Department
- One (1) signed letter of recommendation from a current academic instructor



**The Arc New York**  
**JOSEPH T. WEINGOLD**  
**2020 Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Are you currently receiving a scholarship through The Arc New York? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If so, in what year was it awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions:** (Please attach a separate sheet)

1. Please describe your education plans. How will your continued education positively impact your involvement in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities?
2. Please provide a brief statement indicating how you became interested in becoming a professional in the field of special education.
3. Describe your experiences with people who have intellectual or other developmental disabilities. Please include both volunteer and employment or academic experiences.
4. Describe your most meaningful achievement and how it relates to your field of study and future goals.
5. What do you feel is the most important issue facing the field of special education today? If you had the power to impact this issue in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?



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Applicant Name (please print)

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chairperson (please print)

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Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chairperson Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**All fields must be completed for the application to be considered.**

Please return the completed application and any necessary additional documentation to The Arc New York State Office via mail, email or fax.

**Scholarship and Awards Committee  
The Arc New York  
29 British American Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Latham, NY 12110**

**Fax (518) 439-1893  
Phone (518) 439-8311**

Email questions and applications to [Scholarships@thearcny.org](mailto:Scholarships@thearcny.org)

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**RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_**

