

Don Miller Memorial Scholarship



The Arc of Texas promotes, protects, and advocates for the human rights and self-determination of Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Who was Don Miller?

From 1967-74 Don Miller was an active youth volunteer leader in the San Angelo and Texas Teens Aid for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities program sponsored by The Arc of Texas. He was instrumental in the planning and implementation of local and state-level recreational, athletic and social services and supports for people with intellectual disabilities. Although confined to a wheelchair by Muscular Dystrophy, Don became a great example of volunteerism in action. Following his death in 1974, the Don Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor his memory.

The Arc of Texas is pleased to announce the availability of the **Don Miller Memorial Scholarship** for eligible students who will be enrolling in a college or university in Texas for the 2018-2019 fall and spring semesters. Specific details about the scholarship are as follows:

- *Offered to full-time students in need of financial assistance who have chosen a degree plan that will result in a professional career in the field of intellectual and developmental disability services.*
- *Limited to \$2,000 annually and is paid in two equal semester installments of \$1,000.*
- *Available only to junior and senior students.*
- *The deadline for application submission is **September 1, 2018.***
- *The Arc of Texas awards only one (1) scholarship per year.*

The recipient is chosen by a Scholarship Selection Team comprised of senior staff from The Arc of Texas. All decisions of the Scholarship Selection Team are final.

Copies of all materials relating to the scholarship, including the application form, are also available at The Arc of Texas website at www.thearcoftexas.org.

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Don Miller Memorial Scholarship Rules
2018-2019

1. The Don Miller Memorial Scholarship is open to any full-time junior or senior student enrolled in a college or university in Texas who has a primary career interest in providing services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000 and given in two equal semester installments of \$1,000.
3. Applicants must have applied to and been accepted by the college or university of their choice prior to making application for the scholarship.
4. The Scholarship is only for the fall and spring semesters. Assistance for summer semester is not offered.
5. Applicants must identify their chosen degree plan on the application. The degree plan must relate in some way to the field of intellectual and developmental disability services.
6. To be considered, the applicant must submit all of the following materials to The Arc of Texas by **September 1, 2018**:
 - Completed application
 - Transcript of college grades
 - Three letters of recommendation from:
 1. A teacher who has taught the applicant
 2. A person employed in the applicant's career field
 3. A character reference
7. Applicant must demonstrate achievement of a cumulative 2.5 or greater Grade Point Average (GPA) through his/her college career to date.
8. In order to qualify for the spring semester installment, the recipient must:
 - Submit documentation of attainment of a 2.5 GPA for the fall semester.
 - Affirm that the original degree plan has not been amended.
 - Confirm his/her intent to continue to pursue the degree plan in the spring semester.
9. The check will be made payable to the designated college or university and may be used for any expense charged by the college or university.
10. The check for each semester's installment of the scholarship will be mailed directly to the recipient.
11. Scholarship decisions are made without regard to age, sex, race, national origin, religion or disabled condition.
12. A Scholarship Selection Team comprised of senior staff from The Arc of Texas chooses the recipient. All decisions by the Scholarship Selection Team are final and may not be appealed.



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Don Miller Memorial Scholarship Application
2018-2019

Deadline: September 1, 2018

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP Code

Phone: () Cell Phone: ()

E-mail: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of college/university in Texas you will attend for fall/spring of 2018-2019: _____

Have you been accepted for enrollment or have registered for the fall semester? YES NO Your status in the coming fall semester: Junior Senior

Major: _____ Minor: _____

What is your current cumulative GPA? _____

NARRATIVE INFORMATION:

State your justification for financial assistance:

FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED:

1. Notification of acceptance or proof of registration for the fall semester from the college or university in Texas.
2. A copy of Applicants most recent transcript with cumulative GPA.
3. Three reference letters:
 - A teacher who has taught the Applicant
 - A person in your intended career field
 - A character/personal reference

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

The Arc of Texas
Attn: Evelyn Aguilar/Don Miller Memorial Scholarship
8001 Centre Park Drive, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78754

Or email to: eaguilar@thearcoftexas.org

Or fax to: (512) 454-4956