

Arc of Washington Trust Fund STIPEND APPLICATION FORM 2010-2011 STIPEND AWARD PROGRAM

The Arc of Washington Trust Fund is a 50+ year old trust which provides funding to researchers in the field of intellectual and other developmental disabilities. The Trust Fund is administered by a Board of Administrative Trustees, of which some members are appointed by the Board of The Arc of Washington State and others are elected by the Trust Fund Board from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The Trust Fund also conducts a student stipend program, which continues this year. The stipends, of up to \$5,000 each, will be awarded in an initial installment of \$800 in the summer of 2010 and the balance in equal installments at the beginning of each academic session (semester, trimester or quarter) during 2010-2011 to upper division or graduate students in institutions of higher education in the states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska or Idaho, who have a demonstrated interest in the field of intellectual or other developmental disabilities. Funds will be released to the institutions for distribution to the students for payment of student tuition, books and general living expenses, provided the schools provide evidence that the students continue to be enrolled (except the summer installment when enrollment is not required). The Trust Fund hopes that this will allow colleges and universities to attract and retain students interested in working in the field as researchers, teachers or practitioners.

Each applicant should have a particular career interest in work relating to intellectual or other developmental disabilities. In addition to completing this application form, each applicant must submit a statement of his or her interest in the field of intellectual or other developmental disabilities, academic and other qualifications, achievements, and both immediate and long-term goals. Letters of endorsement from no fewer than two faculty sponsors and official transcripts from the colleges and universities the applicant has attended must accompany each student's statement.

Important instructions:

- 1) All 3 pages of this application form must be submitted. Please enter legibly your last name and first initial in the upper right corner of each page where indicated. Please sign and date the application form on page 3 where indicated. This form is good for the 2010-2011 academic year only.
- 2) Please enter your name on your narrative statement in the upper right corner of each page. It is not necessary to sign the narrative statement.
- 3) Please append to your application recommendations from no fewer than two faculty sponsors and a complete narrative statement of your interest in intellectual or other developmental disabilities, your academic and other qualifications, and your immediate and long term goals. Faculty recommendations may be mailed separately, but they are subject to the same deadline as the application. Failure to follow this instruction will risk dismissal from consideration.
- 4) Please append or have forwarded by the deadline a complete official transcript of your entire undergraduate and graduate (if any) career from all schools you have attended.

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- 5) Please use 8½ x11 stationery. Please avoid staples, paper clips, special stationery and folders, for the application must be photocopied for review purposes. Applicants will not be penalized for oversized transcripts or staples or clips included in mailings from others, however.
- 6) Successful applicants will be required to submit their Social Security Numbers for tax purposes to the Arc of Washington Trust Fund or its trust manager. No other use will be made of such information.
- 7) This program is open only to residents in, or students in institutions of higher education in, the States of Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho. Stipends are available for upper division (those having completed their sophomore year) and graduate students only.

Your name, address, etc.

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle or Initial: _____

Residence address (this must be a street address; a post office or rural box will not be sufficient):

Street: _____ Apt (if any) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Your student number for the institution you plan to attend; if no student number, then your social security number: _____

(A number will assist institutions in identification of successful applicants.)

Your current year in school: _____

Degree and major you are seeking: _____

Telephone number where you can be reached: (____) _____

Your current work or school address

Employer or School: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your preferred mailing address (please circle the number before the option)

(1) Use the residence address above.

(2) Use the school or work address above.

(3) Use the address written in the lines below:

c/o (if needed) _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Enter your last name and first initial here:

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The school you are now attending

School: _____

Department or program (if any): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The school you will be attending and which would distribute the stipend installments

School: _____

Department or program (if any): _____

Degree sought: _____ Month, year degree expected: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your signature:

_____ Date: _____

Please mail this entire application form, fully completed, along with your narrative statement, endorsement letters and official transcripts not being sent separately to:

**Diana Stadden
Arc of Washington Trust Fund
2638 State Avenue
Olympia, Washington 98506-4880**

Applications, along with all the other required documents and materials, must be postmarked no later than 12 Midnight in the locality where mailed on February 28, 2010. Extensions will not be granted. Applicants will be notified of the Arc of Washington Trust Fund Board's decision by April 30, 2010. For more information on the stipend program please contact Ms. Diana Stadden by calling (253) 576-6351 or by email at *diana@arcwa.org*.

Late applications, recommendations or transcripts will not be accepted.