



Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship

The Arc Chemung-Schuyler offers the Joanne S. Hayes Memorial scholarship, a \$1,000 award, to one graduating senior whose chosen field of study will enable him or her to have a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities.

Joanne Hayes was a past board member and president prior to her death in 1987. This education fund is a fitting tribute to her commitment to The Arc.

Eligibility Requirements

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior from Watkins Glen, Odessa-Montour, or Bradford Central Schools OR must be a graduating senior who is a Schuyler County resident pursuing education elsewhere.
2. The recipient must plan to pursue their education in the field of special education, human services, or a related clinical area such as nursing, psychology, speech pathology, or physical/occupational therapy.
3. The scholarship application must be completed in its entirety and submitted with all requested attachments.
4. Completed applications must be received on or before **Friday, May 15, 2026**. Students attending Watkins Glen, Odessa-Montour, or Bradford Central Schools should return their completed applications to the high school guidance office. Students pursuing education elsewhere should submit in person or mail their completed applications to: The Arc Chemung-Schuyler, 711 Sullivan Street, Elmira, NY 14901.

Method of Selection of Scholarship Winners/Rules

1. Candidates will be evaluated and selected by a committee of at least four members.
2. Candidates will be scored in the following areas:
 - Career goals related to the support of youth and/or adults with intellectual, developmental, or other disabilities.
 - Academic achievement (academic improvement and/or maintenance of high average through high school)
 - Extra-curricular activities (athletics, fine arts, volunteer projects, work experience, etc.)
 - Essay quality (please respond to all components of the essay and proofread)
 - Additional points will be awarded to applicants who tour The Arc Chemung-Schuyler to learn first-hand about its programs and services prior to, or when, submitting the application. Tours may be scheduled by contacting The Arc's Director of Marketing and Community Development, Missy Smith at SmithML@arcofcs.org or 607.734.6151 ext. 122.
3. Winners will be recognized at June graduation ceremonies.
4. The recipient is eligible to receive the award upon returning to college for the second school semester of his/her first year. The one-time award will be given in the form of a check by The Arc Chemung-Schuyler when The Arc is notified by the recipient that he/she is eligible. Copies of college transcripts and/or other proof of continued enrollment will be required at that time.
5. The recipient must be willing to provide his/her current photo to The Arc Chemung-Schuyler, to be used in internal/external communications promoting the Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship.

Application forms may be reproduced. Questions about the Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship should be directed to Missy Smith, at SmithML@arcofcs.org or 607.734.6151 ext. 122.

Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship Application

Please complete this application form in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Last Name:		First Name:					
Address:							
	Street						
	City	State	ZIP				
Phone:							
Email Address:							
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):							
Address: (if different)							
	Street						
	City	State	ZIP				
Phone: (if different)							
Email Address:							
School District:	<input type="checkbox"/> Watkins Glen <input type="checkbox"/> Odessa-Montour <input type="checkbox"/> Bradford <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):						
Class Rank:	out of	GPA:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">SAT Scores:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>or ACT Scores:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	SAT Scores:		or ACT Scores:	
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or ACT Scores:							
Date of Expected High School Graduation (Month/Year):							
Date of Expected College Entrance (Month/Year):							
Name of College, University, or Vocational School you plan to attend:							
Select One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled						
Field of Study/Planned Major:							
Give details regarding other scholarships, grants, or loans you are seeking. Include any that you have already received with amounts.							
Indicate, if applicable, any family or personal circumstances you think make you a strong candidate for this award:							

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Additional Information/Required Attachments

Essay

Your essay should be up to approximately 250 words, typewritten, double-spaced, and must include the following information:

- Your college plans.
- Your career or vocational goals, including why you selected the career you plan to pursue.
- How you believe you can have a positive impact on people with disabilities in your chosen career.
- An example of something you've done for the betterment of your school or community. Choose something that you are proud of achieving or participating in that would show the committee what motivates you and what leadership qualities and special skills or attributes you have.

Transcript

Please attach your high school transcript to date.

References

Please provide The Arc with two letters of reference from people, other than your family members, who are familiar with your contributions. Examples of possible reference sources include your teacher, pastor, guidance counselor, coach, employer, etc.

Photo

Please submit a good quality photograph of yourself to be used in The Arc Chemung-Schuylers' internal/external communications promoting the Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship.

List Extra-Curricular School Activities:

Check here if attached

List Community and Church Activities:

Check here if attached

List Work Experiences:

Check here if attached

Certification/Signatures:

I hereby affirm that the information on this form and attached is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware of the conditions under which the awards are made and will inform The Arc Chemung-Schuylers of any change in circumstances. I agree that if I am chosen as the recipient of this award, my submitted photo will be used by The Arc Chemung-Schuylers for use in their internal/external communications promoting the Joanne S. Hayes Scholarship, and I authorize the use of said photo.

Applicant Signature:		Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:	