



Supporting individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community.

May 25, 2022

Bear POWER students,

The Arc of the Ozarks is pleased to announce the awarding of our Tipsword Scholarships for up to \$5,000 per student selected from the participants of Missouri State's Bear POWER Program.

The criteria for deciding the scholarship recipients are listed in the rating matrix provided on the application form. Please attach the required Objective Essays for both Extra Curricular Activities and Community Involvement, Statement of Plans and Goals, and Statement of Financial Need to the application, submitting the entire package to Mr. Mike Powers no later than June 15, 2022. All applicants must be accepted to the Bear POWER Program. The judges will be looking for community involvement and financial need.

The judges for the selection of the scholarships will be the Programs Committee of The Arc of the Ozarks Board of Directors. The application process is blind, the judges will not be told of the identities of the applicants until after the selection process is completed.

Scholarships will be paid directly to Missouri State University AFTER enrollment is verified. The mission of The Arc of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. Our vision for this scholarship is to support the education and career development that will be gained through Bear POWER.

Good luck!

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**The Arc of the Ozarks
Tipword Fund Scholarship for**

**Up to \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION for MSU Bear POWER
(Type or Neatly Print all information)**

SECTION I: STUDENT/APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Student _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Student's Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Name of School _____ Graduation Date _____

Have you applied for financial aid? (Circle) Yes No

Is this the first time you have applied for this scholarship? (Circle) Yes No

Have you received services from The Arc of the Ozarks in the past? (Circle) Yes No

Are you currently receiving services from The Arc of the Ozarks? (Circle) Yes No

Please list applicant's documented intellectual and/or developmental disabilities:

SECTION II: PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Mailing Address _____
(Street or Box Number)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Social Security Number _____

Adjusted Gross Income of Parent(s) (from IRS 1040, for the most current year) \$ _____

SECTION III: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION

1. Copy of your acceptance letter into Bear POWER.
2. Evidence of motivation in the form of a detailed list of extracurricular activities including, but not limited to clubs, teams, social groups and/or sports, as well as any honors received.
3. Secondary evidence of motivation in the form of a detailed list of community involvement including, but not limited to volunteer work, employment, service projects/activities and/or summer camps.
4. A statement, not to exceed one page in length, of your plans and goals as it pertains to the career development and certification of the Bear POWER Program. In judging this item, spelling, grammar, appearance, and depth of plans will be considered.

SECTION IV: APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE I certify that all information is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

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Tipsword Fund Scholarship**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** (Maximum 25 points): This is indicated EVIDENCE OF MOTIVATION. **SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.** This will be judged subjectively.
2. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** (Maximum 25 points): This is indicated EVIDENCE OF MOTIVATION. **SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.** This will be judged subjectively.
3. **PLANS AND GOALS** (Maximum 25 points): Attach to your application a statement, not to exceed one page in length, of your plans and goals. In judging this item, spelling, grammar, appearance and depth of plans will be considered. This will be judged subjectively.
4. **FINANCIAL NEED** (Maximum 25 points): List adjusted gross income of parent(s) from the most current year's income tax return. One-fifth (1/5) point will be deducted for each \$1000 of adjusted income in excess of \$50,000. Also report any special or unusual financial circumstances that the judging board should consider.

Applicant must be accepted to MSU Bear POWER, in compliance to the program's requirements. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE** for submitting your complete application, with appropriate attachments. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. SCHOLARSHIP PAYABLE TO MISSOURI STATE UNIVERISTY.** These funds can be utilized for books, tuition or fees. Any refunds, should the student not complete the school year, will be directed back to The Arc. Applicants can submit interest for no more than two years. The maximum amount of awarded funds will be \$5,000 per student, per semester; beginning with the Spring Semester.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **August 12, 2021.**

Completed Applications and Attachments should be mailed/delivered to the Attention of Mike Powers at: **The Arc of the Ozarks, 1501 E. Pythian, Springfield, MO 65802.**