

Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship

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The Arc of Bartholomew County

The Arc of Bartholomew County is pleased to sponsor the **Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship** award for the 2019-2020 academic year.

In keeping with **The Arc of Bartholomew County's** commitment to persons with disabilities or developmental delays, the scholarship is available to a Bartholomew County resident who intends to begin or continue full-time studies towards an advanced degree in the fall of 2020.

The individual must have demonstrated an interest in assisting or advocating for individuals who have disabilities **and/or** plan to pursue an education/career related to assisting or advocating for individuals who have disabilities.

The Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship is an annual award of up to \$1000. The award is issued directly to the student by August of the 2020 academic year and is to be used for school-related expenses.

The application guidelines and application form follow. Any questions regarding the Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship may be directed to 372-0610. Scholarship applications must be electronically submitted or postmarked by March 27, 2020.

Submit electronically to thearcofbc@yahoo.com
OR by mail to *The Arc of Bartholomew County Scholarship Committee, 2060 Doctors Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47203*

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Application Guidelines

1. Complete the Student Application form (following page) and submit the application and essay with all other required materials electronically to thearcofbc@yahoo.com or by U.S. Mail to *The Arc of Bartholomew County Scholarship Committee, 2060 Doctors Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47203.*
2. Compose and submit an essay of no more than 350 words explaining your interest in working with and/or advocating for those with disabilities.
3. Request a one-page, dated letter of recommendation from a school official (i.e. counselor, teacher). The recommender can electronically submit the recommendation to thearcofbc@yahoo.com or mail it to *The Arc of Bartholomew County Scholarship Committee, 2060 Doctors Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47203.*
4. Request a one-page, dated letter of recommendation from a responsible community member (i.e. employer, minister). The recommender can electronically submit the recommendation to thearcofbc@yahoo.com or mail it to *The Arc of Bartholomew County Scholarship Committee, 2060 Doctors Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47203.*
5. Forward a photocopy of your current transcript. You can request that the guidance office electronically submit a copy to thearcofbc@yahoo.com, or you can mail a copy to *The Arc of Bartholomew County Scholarship Committee, 2060 Doctors Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47203.*

Award Criteria:

Criteria for choosing the winning applicant will include:

- Demonstration of interest in assisting and advocating for individuals who have disability
- Demonstration of promising scholastic performance
- Demonstration of pursuing extracurricular interests and community involvement
- Anticipated enrollment in a recognized, accredited institution of higher learning
- Bartholomew County residency

BEN BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CURRENT
SCHOOL: _____

Please attach the following information:

1. A LIST DETAILING SCHOOL-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please indicate when an activity involved an inclusive activities or volunteering with an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability Please describe activities that involved those with special needs along with an estimate of the number of hours dedicated to those portions of the activity during the last four years.

2. A LIST DETAILING EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please indicate when your employment involved providing care for an individual with intellectual or developmental disability and describe that employment along with an estimate of the number of hours dedicated to those portions of that employment during the last four years.