

H.O.P.E. SCHOLARSHIP

Helping Others Pursue Excellence

SHC / The Arc • 4283 Paradise Road • Seville, Ohio 44273

Our Mission: The SHC Inc., The Arc of Medina County, partners with individuals with disabilities and their families to provide a full range of services to assist them in living a quality life in their chosen community.

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The H.O.P.E. Scholarship was established to assist SHC Members or an unmarried child or grandchild of a Member in their efforts to gain a higher education in a disability related field as defined by the SHC Scholarship Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person over the age of 18. It gives voting rights in the Society for Handicapped Citizens of Medina County, Inc. (SHC) and includes membership in The Arc. Annual dues for an Individual Membership are \$20 and a Family Membership is \$40. Additional membership levels range from \$100 to a one time payment of \$1,000 for a Life Membership. Membership levels over \$100.00 are designated for the SHC Endowment Fund. Join today, if you are not already a member

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be a current SHC Member or an unmarried child or grandchild of a Member. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 who is interested in advocating for individuals with disabilities. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in a disability related field.

Applicants will be judged on:

Volunteer experience

Related volunteer experience

Essay content and quality

Letter of reference

Awards will be based on information provided on the H.O.P.E. Scholarship application form.

This is a one-year, non-renewable scholarship.

APPLICATIONS

Interested applicants must complete the H.O.P.E. Scholarship application form. Forms are available by calling 330-722-1900 ext. 250 or through our website at www.shc-medina.org. Deadline for submitting a completed application is the end of March each year. Check the current application for submission deadline.

AWARDS

The H.O.P.E. Scholarship awards up to two (2) scholarships each year. The scholarships for 2010 will be in the amount of \$1,000. The SHC Development and Community Relations Department screens all applications for eligibility. The H.O.P.E. Scholarship Committee administers the scholarships which are awarded at the SHC Annual Meeting in May of each year. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

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Annual Dues for General Membership

All levels include SHC and Arc Membership:

- SHC/The Arc Individual.....\$20.00
- SHC/The Arc Family.....\$40.00

For SHC Endowment Fund

- Sustaining Membership.....\$100.00
- Silver Membership.....\$250.00
- Diamond Membership.....\$500.00
- Corporate Membership.....\$750.00
- Life Membership.....\$1000.00 or above
(for Individual or Family –one time payment)

Membership levels over \$100.00 are designated for the SHC Endowment Fund.

Optional donation to:

Camp Paradise \$ _____

Andy Gilroy Scholarship Fund \$ _____

(for Camperships)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Date:___/___/___ Phone:_____ - _____

Name:_____

Address: _____

Email:_____

Please make checks payable to: SHC Inc.

Return to:

**Membership Chair
SHC / The Arc
4283 Paradise Road
Seville, OH 44273**

H.O.P.E. Scholarship Application
SHC / The Arc of Medina County

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Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Email address: _____

Are you a current SHC Member? Yes No
or

Name of SHC Member who is your parent or grandparent: _____

Please provide detailed information for the following: (use additional paper if necessary)

1. Please describe your career goals, the college you plan to attend or the college where you are currently enrolled, and your major field of study (a disability related field).

Name: _____

2. Please list any non-academic honors or awards.

3. Please list and describe your participation in school activities.

4. Please list and describe your participation in community / church activities and service.

5. Please list and describe any volunteer experience in the field of disabilities.

6. Please list and describe any volunteer experience in other areas.

Name: _____

7. Applicant's Essay – Please address the following two questions in 400 words (total) or less:

A. How can individuals with disabilities contribute to their community?

B. How do you plan to make an impact in the lives of individuals with disabilities in your chosen career?

8. Please submit at least one letter of recommendation (not from a family member).

Submit completed application form and all supporting documents to:

H.O.P.E. Scholarship Committee
SHC / The Arc of Medina County
4283 Paradise Road
Seville, Ohio 44273

Deadline for submitting application: **Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

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For questions, contact 330-722-1900, 330-336-2045, 330-225-4202 ext. 250.