

# The Arc New York

## ARTHUR W. PENSE

### Scholarship for Physical or Occupational Therapy Degree Program Students

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 11, 2021**

**About the Scholarship:** One (1) scholarship is presented annually. The scholarship, in the amount of \$3,000, is paid in installments of \$1,500 per semester. The funds must be claimed within a four (4) year period from the time the scholarship was awarded. Students will complete and submit applications directly to The Arc New York.

**About Dr. Arthur Pense:** This scholarship honors Dr. Arthur W. Pense, NYS Assistant Commissioner of Mental Hygiene from April 1, 1944 to April 15, 1961. As Assistant Commissioner, Dr. Pense was responsible for programs provided to people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through the State of New York. Dr. Pense was widely recognized as an outstanding administrator and friend of The Arc New York. It was under his leadership that local services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities were developed using community mental health programs.

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Student must be enrolled in a degree program in physical or occupational therapy and may include a 2-3 month fieldwork program as part of their degree
- Individuals currently receiving a scholarship through The Arc New York are not eligible to receive simultaneous scholarships
- Student must be a New York State resident

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Completed Application
- Application must be signed by the PT/OT Department Chairperson
- One (1) signed letter of recommendation from an Academic Instructor



**The Arc New York**  
**ARTHUR W. PENSE**  
**2021 Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for this scholarship?     YES     NO

Are you currently receiving scholarship through The Arc New York?     YES     NO

If so, in what year was it awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions:** (Please attach a separate page)

1. Describe your education plans. How will your continued education positively impact your involvement in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities?
2. Please provide a brief statement indicating how you became interested in becoming a professional in the field of physical or occupational therapy.
3. Describe your experiences with people who have intellectual or other developmental disabilities. Please include both volunteer and employment or academic experiences.
4. Describe your most meaningful achievement and how it relates to your field of study and future goals.



5. What do you feel is the most important issue facing the field of physical and occupational therapy today? If you had the power to impact this issue in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?

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Applicant Name (please print)

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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PT/OT Department Chairperson (please print)

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Email Address

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PT/OT Department Chairperson Signature

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Date

**All fields must be completed for the application to be considered.**

Please return the completed application and any necessary additional documentation to The Arc New York State Office via mail, email or fax.

**Scholarship and Awards Committee  
The Arc New York  
29 British American Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Latham, NY 12110**

**Fax (518) 439-1893  
Phone (518) 439-8311**

Email questions and applications to [Scholarships@thearcny.org](mailto:Scholarships@thearcny.org)

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**RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

