



## Financial Hardship Scholarship Program Guidelines

### Purpose

The Arc Nature Coast Scholarship provides temporary financial assistance to individuals in need of day services who are not currently funded by any other source. Assistance is granted on an approximate 50/50 matching co-pay basis which may be satisfied by cash payment, volunteer hours, or a combination of both. Individuals requesting scholarship assistance should also be in the process of securing long-term funding from other sources to take the place of the temporary scholarship assistance.

### Application Process

The completed scholarship application should be returned to:

The Arc Nature Coast  
5283 Neff Lake Road  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
Attention: Scholarship Committee

Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. This committee includes six members; composed of two board members, two staff, and two volunteers from the general membership. After reviewing the application, the scholarship committee will schedule an interview with the applicant and the parent/guardian/advocate.

If assistance is granted, a Scholarship Assistance Service Agreement will be completed and signed by the applicant, the parent/guardian/advocate, and a representative from the scholarship committee.

### Scholarship Award

All scholarships are awarded on an approximate 50/50 basis. In other words, The Arc Nature Coast Scholarship fund will pay for 50% of the services that the applicant chooses. If an applicant chooses to attend Adult Day Training two days a week, including transportation, the scholarship will pay for one day of training and two trips per week, while the applicant will be expected to pay for the other day of training and two trips per week. The Arc Nature Coast board of directors reserves the right to limit or waive the co-pay requirement at the recommendation of the scholarship committee. Scholarships are awarded for no longer than one year, but may be renewed by approval of the scholarship committee.

Service Rates

Adult Day Training (10:1 ratio).....	\$30.00 per day
Adult Day Training (5:1 ratio).....	\$38.40 per day
Adult Day Training (3:1 ratio).....	\$55.20 per day
Adult Day Training (1:1 ratio).....	\$97.44 per day
Transportation (ambulatory).....	\$12.20 per trip
Transportation (non-ambulatory).....	\$45.00 per trip

Payment

Co-pay charges will be made in accordance with the Scholarship Assistance Service Agreement by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month following the month of service in order for services to continue without interruption. The service agreement establishes maximum service limits; however financial assistance and co-pay charges each month are determined by actual services provided. Payments of co-pay charges for services are NOT tax deductible. Advance payments or pre-payment for future services are not accepted.

Volunteer hours provided during the month of service will be credited toward payment at a rate of \$10 per volunteer hour on the invoice each month. Excess volunteer hours each month may not be carried forward to future months. Volunteers must be registered with The Arc Nature Coast and all volunteer hours must be verified in accordance with the organization’s time authorization practice.

Reimbursement

In the event that the recipient is approved by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to receive long-term financial support with a retroactive approval date in which The Arc Nature Coast is reimbursed for services paid under the scholarship agreement, The Arc will reimburse, to the extent possible, the Scholarship Fund and the applicant for their portion of the co-pay for the services provided under the scholarship. It is requested that the applicant consider donating their portion of any reimbursement to the scholarship fund. These reimbursed monies will be used to award other scholarships.

If you have any questions regarding the Scholarship Program, please contact Mark Barry, Executive Director at (352) 544-2322, extension 103.

