



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

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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, 2024. 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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