



## Student Ambassador Program

### **About Us:**

The Arc of Essex County provides comprehensive services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, ensuring a lifetime of achievement with dignity and full partnership in the community.

### **Are you or is someone you know affected by an intellectual or developmental disability and have a story to share?**

The Arc of Essex County is looking for Student Ambassadors to represent the 2016 Building Tomorrows walk. An ambassador is the “face” of the event and uses his or her personal story to inspire, engage and educate the community. Through forming walk teams, speaking engagements, media interviews and public outreach, ambassadors energize others to get involved with The Arc and Building Tomorrows. In addition to involvement as volunteers and fundraisers, the Student Ambassador Program provides opportunities to the participants to build friendships and support.

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be honored as the Student Ambassador in your community! *If you nominate someone else, be sure to ask him or her about this important role before you submit a nomination.*

For more information about the Student Ambassador program please contact Brielle Cummings at [bcummings@arcessex.org](mailto:bcummings@arcessex.org).

## **Who can be a Walk Student Ambassador?**

Any grammar school, middle school or high school student living with a developmental disability or with a close connection to someone effected who is looking to make a difference here in New Jersey. We're looking for someone whose story will inspire and motivate people to register and raise money for the event.

## **What does a Walk Student Ambassador do?**

- A Walk Student Ambassador serves as the “face” of the event. The Ambassador’s story will be featured on the walk website and may appear in event materials, emails and in press releases and alerts to local media.
- Ambassadors often help promote the event by starting a walk team at their school hanging posters and distributing walk brochures to businesses in their community.
- In the months leading up to the Building Tomorrows Walk and at the event, the ambassador may be asked to do media interviews or talk to other participants about getting involved in the Building Tomorrows movement.
- It’s up to the ambassador how involved they want to be in sharing their story and helping with outreach. We can be flexible to meet the ambassador’s needs.

## **What’s the time commitment?**

Ambassadors usually spend an average of 15 hours promoting the event in the months leading up to the event.

## **Why should I be a Walk Student Ambassador?**

Being a Student Ambassador is a fantastic way to raise awareness about intellectual and developmental disabilities in your community and to become more connected to The Arc of Essex County. Ambassadors receive volunteer hours for their work as well as fun training opportunities, and an opportunity to connect with other students who have a similar desire to make a difference.

## **Important Dates:**

March 1, 2016 – Application Deadline

April 16, 2016– Race Day at Brookdale Park, Bloomfield, NJ



## Student Ambassador Application

### Personal Information

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Essay Questions:

Why do you want to become a Student Ambassador for The Arc of Essex County's Building Tomorrows 5k Walk/Run?

What experience have you had working, living, or going to school with people different from yourself and how might this help you as a Student Ambassador?

**Personal Reference (Teacher, Coach, Family, Friends, etc.):**

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

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

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016.**

**Please submit this form online, or print and email to [bcummings@arcessex.org](mailto:bcummings@arcessex.org) or mail to The Arc of Essex County, Attn: Brielle Cummings, 123 Naylor Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039**