

# Membership Matters

**Become a 2018 Allegany Arc Member today!**

Membership is the basic foundation on which The Arc New York was built. As membership increases, so does Allegany Arc's voice and strength: Chapter representation on The Arc New York's policy-setting Board of Governors is determined by the number of chapter members.

Ultimately, membership gives Allegany Arc the voice it needs to make sure policymakers listen to our positions and platforms, essential to our long-term survival and growth.

## Your membership helps Allegany Arc:

- Members provide clout! A large membership means that a louder and stronger voice is heard by state legislators and national policy makers;
- Membership helps provide more individuals and their families access to programs and services through fundraising and advocacy efforts;
- As more volunteers (members) are attracted to the important work and mission, the organization's leadership base for the future can develop and grow;
- Membership means a better informed public. Awareness is an outgrowth of membership and is the first step to creating society-wide acceptance of children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities; and
- Membership is the basic foundation on which Allegany Arc, the state organization (The Arc of New York) and the national association (The Arc) was founded. These are private organizations founded by parents to advocate for their children;

*\* Membership begins with Allegany Arc and includes enrollment at the State and National levels.*



**YES! I would like to become a 2018 member of Allegany Arc for only \$5.00.**

(members must be 18 years of age)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

cash     check

**Please select your FREE membership gift.**



Arc Umbrella



Arc Car Safety Tool



Front  
(Arc logo  
left chest)



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(blank)

Pink

Navy Blue

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checks payable to: Allegany Arc  
mail to: Allegany Arc Membership, 50 Farnum Street, Wellsville, NY 14895