



Argyle Teachers' Association

2024 Professional Award Application

This award is based on the candidate's demonstration of passion and commitment to a future trade or profession, as demonstrated through creativity, resourcefulness, leadership, community involvement, and financial need.

Information:

1. This \$1000. award will be given to a graduating senior to be used for their professional pursuit.
2. Any graduating senior pursuing a profession who meets the above criteria is eligible to apply for this award.
3. No application will be considered if it is incomplete.
4. The award will be given at the Graduation Ceremony in June 2024.

Instructions:

1. Please **TYPE** all information requested in the Personal Profile and fill in the form completely.
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If you feel that the committee could use information not asked for in the application, please attach a statement, visual and/or alternative materials that might help the Selection Committee.
4. **Payment to award recipients:** Payment will be released upon presentation of a bill/statement to the treasurer of the Argyle Teachers' Association.

Attach the Following to the Completed Personal Profile:

1. **Work Resume-** to include student training and experience in positions where strong attendance, punctuality, knowledge and skills are demonstrated.
2. **Portfolio-** to include information on the candidate that sheds light on their passion and dedication to their chosen profession. This may include samples of work, creations, projects and experiences that highlight your chosen profession. Candidates may choose any platform or media for their portfolio submission. Options may include but are not limited to digital, paper, artwork, physical projects, video, etc.
3. **Three letters of recommendation:**
 - **One** by a core area teacher.
 - **Two** from contacts outside the school. These letters should be from people who are not related to the applicant and are in a position to judge the commitment and potential success of the applicant in his/her chosen professional goal.

Note: Letters of recommendation should be emailed directly to Mrs. Goetz (goetz_m@argylecsd.org) from the person writing your recommendation letter by Friday May 10, 2024 at the end of the school day.
4. **A signed official transcript** from the Argyle Central School guidance office showing attendance records from both Junior and Senior years in high school.
5. **A copy of the most recent report card evidencing mastery level of 90+ in all high school courses (3 or more) that align with the candidates future professional goals.**
6. At candidate's choosing, **additional materials and information** not requested in the application may be submitted. Please attach a statement, as well as any visual and/or alternative materials that might help the Selection Committee understand your commitment to your chosen profession.

Award Criteria:

The applications will be judged and valued out of 1000 points based on the following criteria:

A. Statement of Profession: (300 points)

Completely answer the four questions in a manner that suits you (typed paragraph, slide show, voice recording, etc.) while demonstrating and highlighting your unique qualities as an award candidate.

B. Scholarship: (300 points)

Based on the student's high school academic performance and average for the classes within their chosen profession.

C. Portfolio: (300 points)

Demonstration of knowledge, aptitude, progression and growth in the profession of choice.

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D. Resume: (200 points)

Based on work experience and achievements, resourcefulness and volunteerism.

E. Recommendations: (100 points)

Based on three letters of recommendation in support of candidates specifically for the ATA Professional award. These letters should be signed and sealed by the writer.

Personal Profile

Name of Applicant:

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First

Middle

Last

Date of Birth:

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Address:

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Primary Phone Number:

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Name of Profession of Pursuit : (indicate which field you are pursuing, and whether you currently hold a position in this field after graduation.)

Name of Profession: _____

Present Status: _____

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Affirmation Statement

I am aware that _____ is applying for an Argyle Professional Scholarship and request that an official transcript be attached to this application by the Argyle Central School Guidance Office, including attendance records. Furthermore, I have checked the completed application form and all statements are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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Parent Signature:

Date:

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Important Note: No application for a scholarship can be considered unless the Affirmation Statement is signed by a parent/guardian.

