



June 2018

Calling All Self Advocates From the Long Island Region, and Statewide!!

We gratefully announce that SANYS has an amazing opportunity to support self-advocates from Long Island and SANYS Capital Region, in memory of Self-Advocate leader and former Board Member, Shawn Nitz. Self-advocates will have the opportunity to apply for this very meaningful scholarship opportunity and work experience.

On Shawn's last day here on earth, one of his friends asked SANYS staff how we might honor his friend Shawn once the inevitable happened, and the Shawn Nitz Memorial Fund was born....

To honor Shawn, we have a meaningful opportunity for self-advocates across the state to transform their lives and reach for more, just like Shawn!! Thanks to the generous sponsorship and support of SANYS, MLJ Insurance, ISS, PBS, and the friends and family of Shawn Nitz (scholarship-internship packet enclosed).



The Shawn Nitz Memorial Fund-This memorial fund will be used for two distinct purposes honoring Shawn's statewide and local advocacy efforts.

Shawn Nitz Memorial Scholarship (Local)- This fund will be used for local scholarships to acknowledge Shawn's advocacy efforts here on Long Island, and in the Self-Direction movement. This scholarship will provide the opportunity for self-advocate leaders from *Long Island* to attend the **SANYS Statewide Conference in Albany on September 6, 7th, 8th**. The distribution, selection and criteria of these scholarships will be made at the discretion of the SANYS Long Island Region. All funds will be handled at the statewide level. Fill out the attached application and return to the SANYS-LI regional office. **Application with postmarks after July 30th, 2018 will not be considered. Mail completed applications and attachments to: The Self-Advocacy Association of NYS-Long Island Region, 415A Oser Ave. Hauppauge, NY 11788 Attn: Bridget Cariello, Supervising Coordinator**

Shawn Nitz SANYS Internship (Board Efforts)- One or more self-advocates will have the opportunity to experience a one-year paid internship in the SANYS administrative offices in the Capital Region of NYS. Recipients will engage in advocacy, policy, office tasks, and other meaningful work that has impact on services and supports for people with developmental and other disabilities. All applicants will be qualified through SANYS Statewide offices in Schenectady. All internship funds will be distributed by the SANYS statewide office. ****All Applications for this internship should be sent directly to: The Self-Advocacy Association of NYS at 500 Balltown Rd., Schenectady, NY 12304 Bldg.# 12, C/O Cynthia Gilchrist and Arnold Ackerley**


**To contribute to this fund contact Arnold Ackerley, SANYS Statewide Administrative Director, The Self-Advocacy Association of NYS at aackerley@sanys.org

**All Shawn ever wanted was to be loved, and he was!! Shawn would have loved these memorial efforts on his behalf and would be thrilled at paying it forward.
Thank you!!**



Requirements of the Long Island Grant for SANYS Statewide Conference:

- This scholarship can be used as all or partial funding depending on the needs of the applicant. SANYS local board members and regional office staff would like as many people to benefit from this scholarship as possible. Together we will review the applicants.
- All applications must be mailed (no drop off or fax will be excepted) submitted with **postmark July 23, 2018 or prior**. No exceptions will be made.
- Applicant must be an experienced self-advocate
- Name, address, phone, email
- Group affiliation
- Agency affiliation (if any) or using Self-Directed Services
- A short narrative of why assistance is being requested.
- 1 letter of recommendation from the following:
Self Advocacy Group President
Self Advocacy Group Advisor
Or a Personal reference

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- Upon returning from statewide conference, applicant will be expected to share their experiences at the Long Island Regional Meeting (either Nassau or Suffolk meeting) about: What the individual learned or experienced at the statewide conference. (Examples: How are you going to use the information in your own life? Who will you share the information you learned at the statewide conference with?)
 - Applicants should request funding for one or more of the following please be specific to your needs: hotel, transportation (to and from Albany), and conference registration fees.
 - Distribution of grants will be under discretion of a committee who will review each application.
 - Applications that are incomplete and are missing attachments will not be considered.
 - One application and separate letters of reference for each person applying.
 - Applicants will be notified not later than August 6th, 2018.

*Completing this application does not guarantee grants will be given to you. Grants will be awarded base upon determination of the committee (which will be comprised of the Regional Board Members, Coordinator, Senior and SANYS Statewide Advisors).

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**Bridget Cariello
Supervising Coordinator
SANYS-LI
415A Oser Ave.
Hauppauge, NY 11788**



Application for SANYS Statewide Conference Grant

(Self-Advocates From the Long Island Region Only, Mail to SANYS Long Island)


Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Group Affiliation: _____



1. Does individual use:
(Circle one)

Agency Supports

Self-Directed Services

If agency supports please list agency:

2. Will applicant need transportation assistance?

YES NO

3. Will applicant have support staff with them?

YES NO

4. Is applicant willing to share room?

YES NO

If yes to any questions or comments, please explain on additional piece of paper.



Application for SANYS Statewide Internship Experience

(Self-Advocates From Capital Region Only, Mail to SANYS Office in Schenectady)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions or provide a brief summary about yourself and why you want this opportunity for an internship at SANYS statewide office?

(Examples: Why is self-advocacy important to you? What skills, talents and abilities will you bring to The Self-Advocacy Association of NYS?)

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You can also apply by emailing us at employment@sanys.org.**