

JOINDER AGREEMENT I  
*for*  
The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust

**This is a legal document. You are encouraged to seek independent, professional advice before signing.**

A. The undersigned hereby enrolls in and adopts The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust Agreement dated March 5, 1997, which is incorporated herein by reference.

B. Trust sub-account number: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(acct. # will be assigned by The Arc of Texas, upon enrollment)*

C. Grantor:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Relationship to Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Beneficiary:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Items D: 6-8 are optional; However, this family history information can be useful to The Arc in locating family members in the future.)*

6. Place of birth: Hospital/ City/State : \_\_\_\_\_

7. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Guardians/Representatives:**

Unless the Grantor requests otherwise and until the Grantor is no longer able to serve as such, the Grantor shall be the Beneficiary's Primary Representative.

When the Grantor is no longer able to act as the Beneficiary's Primary Representative, the Guardian or legal representative listed below in Sec. E-1 shall be the Primary Representative (with a court-appointed Guardian, if any, taking precedence).

1. Beneficiary's legal representative [e.g., legal guardian, conservator, representative payee, agent acting under a durable power of attorney, trustee, or other legal representative or fiduciary]:

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The Primary Representative will be:** \_\_\_\_\_

F. Alternates: If the person listed in Section E-2 ceases to serve, please list below, in order, the persons that you would like to be successor Primary Representatives:

First Alternate:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Alternate:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

No Alternates Remaining:

If none of the named Primary Representatives or successors are able to serve, how would you like for the Manager to select another Primary Representative?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

G. Current Benefits:

1. Does Beneficiary receive Supplemental Security Income? (SSI) \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does Beneficiary receive Social Security benefits? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does Beneficiary receive Social Security Disability Insurance? (SSDI) \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does Beneficiary receive Medicaid? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so what is the Medicaid card number? \_\_\_\_\_

5. List all other forms of government assistance that the Beneficiary receives:  
(i.e. Medicare, Veterans benefits, MHMR Services, Community Based Alternatives,  
housing subsidies, food stamps, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

H. If the Beneficiary is covered under any policy of health insurance, what is the insurer's name and address, and what is the policy number?

1. Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I. If the Beneficiary is covered under any prepaid funeral or burial insurance plan, what is the insurer's name and address, and what is the policy number?

1. Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

J. Disability

1. What is the nature of the Beneficiary's disability?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. If the Beneficiary's condition has been medically diagnosed, what is the diagnosis?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the prognosis at this time?

\_\_\_\_\_

K. Distributions of the Remainder upon the Beneficiary's death (or upon early termination of the trust):

**IMPORTANT:** If this Trust sub-account is being funded with funds that **do not** belong to the Beneficiary, then there is no requirement that State Reimbursement Claims be satisfied.

1. Source of Funds

a. Grantor's funds – describe source:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Distribution of Remainder upon death of Beneficiary:

a. Trust's Remainder Share: Please note what percentage of the Beneficiary's sub-account Remainder you elect to be maintained by the Trust.\*

\_\_\_\_\_

The Trust's Remainder Share will be used in the Trustee's discretion as follows:

*a) for the benefit of other indigent Beneficiaries, (b) to add indigent disabled persons, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1382c(a)(3), to the Trust as Beneficiaries, or (c) to provide indigent disabled persons, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1382c(a)(3), with equipment, medication or services deemed suitable for such persons by the Trustee.*

b. If funds remain after distributions to the Trust's Remainder Share list below the persons or entities that you would like to receive the funds:

Include name, address, and telephone numbers of each Final Remainder Beneficiary. Then, using only the amounts from persons (i-v) in Section 2B (this section), verify that the percentages add up to 100% of the remaining funds.

(i) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Final Remainder (must total 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Final Remainder (must total 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Final Remainder (must total 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Final Remainder (must total 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

(v) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Final Remainder (must total 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*TOTAL OF PERCENTAGES:** \_\_\_\_\_

c. If any Final Remainder Beneficiary is deceased at the time of distribution, the funds that would have been distributed to that beneficiary will instead be distributed to his or her descendants, per stirpes. If a Final Remainder Beneficiary does not have descendants, then his or her share shall lapse.

3. Early Termination of the sub-account. Article 12 of the Trust provides that under certain circumstances a sub-account (or the Trust) may be terminated prior to the Beneficiary's death. If the Beneficiary's sub-account is terminated before his or her death, the Manager will either distribute the sub-account's funds to the Beneficiary or on behalf of the Beneficiary unless the Manager is in its sole discretion deems such distribution to not be in the Beneficiary's best interests. If the manager deems such distribution not to be in the Beneficiary's best interest, how should the funds be distributed upon early termination of the Beneficiary's sub-account?

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Grantor

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Grantor's estate

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Final Remainder Beneficiaries listed in K2 above

4. Locating Final Remainder Beneficiaries. Grantor acknowledges that The Arc may incur additional costs if Final Remainder Beneficiaries or the beneficiaries of Grantor's estate cannot be located easily. Grantor acknowledges and agrees that the manager may recover its reasonable costs and expenses associated with locating such beneficiaries.

L. Fees: Grantor agrees to pay fees in accordance with Schedule A that is attached hereto and that may be amended from time to time. If fees are not paid in advance by Grantor, the Manager and Trustee are authorized to charge such fees to a Beneficiary's sub-account.

**Fees are not refundable.**

M. Management of Trust Sub-account/Disbursements.

1. The Trust sub-account will be managed and administered for the benefit of the Beneficiary.
2. The Grantor recognized that all disbursements are supplemental, as determined by the Manager.

N. Contact Information Regarding the Sub-Account Disbursements and Other Matters:

Contact information for The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust and the Manager are included on **Schedule B**, and may be amended from time to time.

O. Miscellaneous:

1. The provisions of this Joinder Agreement may be amended as the Grantor and the Manager may jointly agree, so long as any such amendment is consistent with The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust Agreement and the then-applicable law. Provided, however, that after a sub-account is funded the Grantor may not revoke a transfer nor amend items D or K(2) of this Joinder Agreement.

2. Taxes:

a. The Grantor acknowledges that the Manager has made no representation to the Grantor that contributions to the Trust are deductible as charitable gifts, or otherwise.

b. Grantor acknowledges that Manager has made no representations as to the gift or tax consequences of directing funds to the Trust and has recommended that the Grantor seek independent legal advice.

c. Trust sub-account income, whether paid in cash or distributed in other property, may be taxable to the Beneficiary subject to applicable exemptions and deductions. Professional tax advice is recommended.

d. Trust sub-account income may be taxable to the Trust, and when this is the case, such taxes shall be payable from the applicable Trust sub-accounts.

3. The Trust managed by the Manager is a pooled trust, governed by the laws of Texas, in conformity with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 1396p, amended August 10, 1993, by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. To the extent there is conflict between the terms of this Trust and the governing law, the law and regulations shall control.

**P. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY GRANTOR**

**Each Grantor acknowledges that he or she has been advised to have The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust Agreement and this Joinder Agreement reviewed by his or her own attorney prior to the execution of this Joinder Agreement.**

**Each Grantor acknowledges that the Trustee is a financial institution and is not licensed or skilled in the field of social services. Grantors acknowledge and agree that the Trustee may conclusively rely upon the Manager to the Trustee to identify programs that may be of social, financial, developmental or other assistance to Beneficiaries. The Trustee, its agents and employees, as well as their agents' and employees' heirs and legal personal representatives, shall not in any event be liable to any Grantor or Beneficiary or any other party for its acts as Trustee so long as the Trustee acts reasonably and in good faith.**

**Each Grantor recognizes and acknowledges the uncertainty and changing nature of the guidelines, laws, and regulations pertaining to governmental benefits and each Grantor agrees that the Manager will not in any event be liable for any loss of benefits as long as the Manager acts in good faith.**

**Each Grantor acknowledges and agrees that the Manager, its agents and employees, as well as their agent's and employees' heirs and legal and personal representatives, shall not in any event be liable to any Grantor or Beneficiary or any other party for its acts as Manager so long as the Manager acts reasonably and in good faith.**

**Each Grantor acknowledges that upon execution of the Joinder Agreement by Grantor and the Manager, and the funding of a sub-account for a Beneficiary, that this Trust, as to the Grantor and the Beneficiary, is irrevocable. Each Grantor acknowledges that after the funding of a sub-account, the Grantor shall have no further interest in and does thereby relinquish and release all rights in, control over, and all incidents of interest of any kind or nature in and to the contributed assets and all income thereon.**

**Each Grantor represents, warrants and agrees that he or she has not been provided, nor is her or she relying upon, any representation of or any legal advice by The Arc of Texas, Inc. in deciding to execute this Joinder Agreement.**

**Each Grantor further represents, warrants, and agrees:**

- 1. that he or she is entering into this Joinder Agreement voluntarily, as his or her own free act and deed;**

**2. that if he or she has not had The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust Agreement or the Joinder Agreement reviewed by his or her own attorney, that he or she voluntarily waives and relinquishes such right;**

**3. that he or she has been provided a true and correct copy of The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust Agreement and this Joinder Agreement prior to the signing of this Joinder Agreement;**

**4. that he or she has reviewed and understands to his or her full satisfaction the legal, economic and tax effects of these instruments; and**

**5. that the Arc of Texas, Inc. or its designee may be a Remainder Beneficiary of a portion of the sub-account established hereby upon the death of the Beneficiary as provided in Section K(2)(b) of this Joinder Agreement.**

**Q. FEDERAL TAXES; INDEMNIFICATION BY GRANTOR**

Each Grantor acknowledges that a trust sub-account may be treated as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes as provided under IRC §671 et. Seq. and the treasury income tax regulations thereunder. In such event, all allocable income, gains or losses shall be reported on the Grantor's federal income tax return and taxable to the Grantor. Each Grantor acknowledges that the Grantor, the primary representative, or the Beneficiary shall be responsible for mailing their own federal and/or state income tax returns to report the income of the Trust which is taxable to them as their interest may appear. Each Grantor hereby indemnifies the Trustee and the Manager from any and all claims for income tax liabilities of his or her sub-account which is treated as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Whereas the undersigned Grantor(s) have reviewed and signed this Joinder Agreement, understand it and agree to be bound by its terms;

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grantor Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grantor 2 (if applicable) Date

and the Manager has accepted this Joinder Agreement;

The Arc of Texas, Inc., as Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

the parties hereby execute this Joinder Agreement, to be effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANTOR'S SIGNATURE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as Grantor(s), on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Notary)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANAGER'S SIGNATURE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of TRAVIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me by an agent of The Arc of Texas, Inc., on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Notary)

**SCHEDULE A**  
**TO THE JOINDER AGREEMENT, WHICH IS APPENDIX I**  
**MASTER POOLED TRUST FEE SCHEDULE**

**Fees Effective as of April 1, 2000**

The following fees, which may be changed from time to time, may be charged by The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust.

A one-time enrollment fee of \$450\* is due at the time the Joinder Agreement is executed. The enrollment fee covers the cost of opening a Trust sub-account for the Beneficiary.

There is no annual renewal fee before the sub-account is funded.

Annual Maintenance and Consultation Fees: After the sub-account is funded (sometimes referred to as "funded enrollment"), the following annual fees are due. Although annual fees may increase or decrease over time, you will never be required to pay a higher fee than the rate that is applicable at the time your account is funded.

Fee schedule for "Distributions Authorized"accounts (checks will be requested)

Annual Consultation fee:

1.75% on the first \$50,000;

1.25% for amounts between \$50,000 up to \$100,000

1% for amounts over \$100,000

Minimum annual fee: \$ 300

-OR-

Fee Schedule for "Distributions Deferred"accounts (no checks will be requested during the year)

Annual Maintenance Fee:

1.25% for amounts up to \$100,000

1% for amounts over \$100,000

Minimum annual fee: \$250

Call for consultation fee for amounts over \$250,000

Special Assessments:

The Trustee and the Manager have authority from time to time, as necessary, to assess all sub-accounts or certain sub-accounts with special assessments for specific costs such as the cost of defending a sub-account of the Trust, or taking actions to preserve a beneficiary's Government Assistance. See Section 7.9 of the Trust Agreement for a description of possible defense costs.

Other fees:

1. Check writing fee for distributions checks that exceed 12 per year - \$12.50 per check.
  2. IRS tax preparation fee – To be negotiated at the lowest reasonable rate
  3. Any other fees applicable to this sub-account as follows:
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**SCHEDULE B**

**TO THE JOINDER AGREEMENT, WHICH IS APPENDIX I  
TO THE ARC OF TEXAS MASTER POOLED TRUST**

**Contact Information**

For information regarding a Beneficiary's sub-account, or for requests for disbursements, call or write The Arc of Texas, Inc at:

The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust  
8001 Centre Park Drive, Suite 100  
Austin, TX 78754

Telephone:  
1-800-252-9729  
or  
(512) 454-6694