

The Arc of Indiana County

John Angelo

Transition Scholarship

John Angelo is an outstanding man who has demonstrated his own self-advocacy and a dedicated advocate for others with disabilities. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of working with John and hearing John speak knows how remarkable he is. John served on the board of the Arc of Indiana County for over 15 years and has shared his triumphs and successes as a role model for others with disabilities. The Arc of Indiana County has established the John Angelo Transition Scholarship to continue John's work in helping others with disabilities achieve success as they transition into adulthood.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual in Indiana County and a \$1,000 scholarship to an individual in Armstrong County.

Awards will be presented at the Arc of Indiana County 50th Anniversary Gala on May 12, 2023.

Who is eligible?

Any individual who is within two years of transitioning from high school to postsecondary training, education, or into the workforce.

What qualities does the individual demonstrate?

Individuals applying for this scholarship should demonstrate strong self-advocacy skills, personal responsibility, and a clear goal or plan for their transition to adulthood.

What can the scholarship be used for?

The following list includes ideas but not limited to how the scholarship money can be used

- Education and Training
 - Tuition for a training program or college
 - Job coaching for interview/ applications. (Career Link)
- Applications – Resumes
 - Fee for resume setup and printing, assistance from a mentor or professional
 - Online access to interviewing/resume tutorial help.
 - Mobile hotspot if internet is spotty, for the ability to interview, do resume
 - Headshots by a local photographer
 - Dental visit (if routine care hasn't been achieved) and dental products.
- Transportation needs
 - Bus fairs
 - Gas money
- Work uniforms or equipment
 - Work uniforms
 - Outerwear/ Clothing/shoes/hair cut for interview
 - Specific work-related equipment.
 - Durable equipment stipend (if someone has this need) ie, hearing aid battery, updated eyeglasses/contacts, wheelchair seat/back pads, cane for blind.
 - Assistance in accessing an appropriate cell phone.
 - If remote work, a new laptop.
 - Professional tote or messenger bag or lunch bag
 - Gift cards from Martin's/Giant Eagle/Walmart for grocery stores for lunch items

How to Apply

Individuals applying for this scholarship should do the following:

1. Complete the application form
2. Write a paragraph with examples of
 - a. How you advocate for yourself
 - b. How you take responsibility for yourself and your determination to reach your goals
 - c. Your plan for the future
 - d. What you want to use the scholarship money for
- 3. Applications are due by April 17th, 2023**
4. Return the application form and paragraph to

The Arc of Indiana County
120 N 5th Street Suite 2
Indiana, PA 15701
Attention: Scholarship Committee

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Transition Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: ____ Indiana or ____ Armstrong

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Year in school: _____

My Personal Essay:

Scoring Rubric

Applicant Name: _____ County: _____

Scoring Element	5 Points	3 Points	1 Points
Stage of Transition			
Self-Advocacy			
Responsibility and self-determination			
Goal or plan for the future			
Use of the money			
Points			
	Total Points:		
Comments:			