



## **The Arc of Indiana County**

### **John Angelo Transition Scholarship**

**John Angelo is an outstanding man who has demonstrated his own self-advocacy and has been a dedicated advocate for others with disabilities. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of working with John and hearing him speak, knows how remarkable a person he is. John served on the board of the Arc of Indiana County for over fifteen years and 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 his work in helping others with disabilities achieve success as they transition into adulthood.**

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

**Awards will be presented at the Parent Support Dinner on April 2, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn.**

#### **Who is eligible?**

**Any individual with a developmental disability 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 fares
  - 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 March 24, 2025**

4. Return the application form and paragraph to:  
Email/Scan [bboston@arcindiana.org](mailto:bboston@arcindiana.org) or send to:

The Arc of Indiana County

120 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 2

Indiana, PA 15701

Attention: Scholarship Committee

\*To print out more applications go to [www.arcindiana.org](http://www.arcindiana.org)

**The Arc of Indiana County**  
**John Angelo**  
**Transition Scholarship Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**County:** \_\_\_\_ **Armstrong** \_\_\_\_ **Indiana**

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year in school for 2023-2024:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**School Contact Name and**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Contact Name and Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**My Personal Essay:**

Lined writing area for the personal essay.

**Scoring Rubric**  
**(Scholarship Committee only to complete)**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

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